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Pat's Pizzeria Boasts Hot-spot Potential

By: Contessa Crisostomo
Staff Writer/Photographer

In a college town, pizza is a necessary commodity. It seems like there is always a new pizza place opening up. The latest one to pop up is Pat's Pizzeria, located on Route 13, next to Hardee's.

Pat's has been open for two weeks and it is already a favorite among the community as well as SU students. "I think Salisbury needs a place like Pat's," said senior Adrienne Parker. "It has a nice atmosphere and is a great new hot spot."

Although their specialty is the fresh homemade pizza, the menu offers a variety of choices, such as their award winning steaks, buffalo wings, cold subs, pastas, salads and a plethora of appetizers. "The baked ziti was pretty good," says sophomore Leeanne Raleigh. "It was fast and the price was pretty average."

Pizza prices range from \$6.55 for a 12-inch medium to \$16.45 for an 18 by 26-inch party size. Prices increase with extra toppings. Al-



Photo by Contessa Crisostomo

though prices are higher than other places, customers say it is worth it for high quality, freshly made pizza. "The crust was a nice balance of soft and crunchy," says senior Tom Hamill.

While Pat's delivers (everything on their menu!), dining-in is also a pleasant experience. While the restaurant has a sense of fast food, in which customers order at the front counter, they can sit down and wait until their food is brought to them. From then on, the service is more like a restaurant where waitresses serve the customers.

One patron of the pizzeria found her first dining experience unsatisfactory, however. The pizza brought to her was the wrong kind and was not evenly heated.

Despite mixed reactions, the overall consensus appears to be positive and that Pat's has the potential to be the newest hot spot in town.

Pat's Pizzeria takes the Gull Card and is open until 11 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday and until midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Accomplished Professor Awarded as SU Distinguished Faculty

By: Samantha Gentile
Staff Writer

Dr. Jill Caviglia-Harris, who has shown outstanding achievement in teaching, service and professional development including scholarship and research, was awarded this year's SU Distinguished Faculty award. Caviglia-Harris, who has been a member of the Economics and Finance Department of Salisbury University's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business since 1998 has helped the department in great strides to secure more students in the Economics major over the last few years.

"She sets an example that all faculty would do well to emulate," said Dr. Benjamin Greene, retired SU associate professor of

economics. "Without question, she clearly has distinguished herself as one of the most accomplished members of the SU faculty."

While at Salisbury, Caviglia-Harris has become a founding member and past chair of the SU Student Research Conference, helping Salisbury to become a nationally recognized leader in undergraduate research. Additionally, Caviglia-Harris has directed 12 undergraduate research projects. Undergraduate research is one of Salisbury University's strengths as noted in The Princeton Review's The 357 Best Colleges and Kaplan Publishing's The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most In-

teresting Colleges.

Caviglia-Harris has also had 10 articles published in peer-reviewed journals; received a three-year National Science Foundation Grant for her work in the rain forests; had a book published by Edward Elgar Publishers, a leader in the field of economics; made 15 professional presentations; authored five working papers; written ad-hoc reviews for five journals and the National Science Foundation; and participated in conferences as a moderator and discussant.

The chair of the Economics and Finance Department, Dr. Herman Manakyan joins students in praising Caviglia-Harris. "In the area of scholarship, [she] has to



Internet Photo

Dr. Jill Caviglia-Harris.

be considered one of SU's stars. The quality and quantity of her scholarly work is outstanding for faculty in her discipline not only in comparison to SU faculty, but nationally."

"Dr Caviglia-Harris was both honored and flattered to receive the award," said Greene.

MSA Prepares for Islam Awareness Week

By Shane Jacobus
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Muslim Student Association (SUMSA) is holding a series of events as part of Building Bridges: Islam Awareness Week at Salisbury University from Monday, Nov. 29 to Friday, Dec. 3.

"This is very close to my heart," said student Sehmina Chopra, "because I think there are a lot of misconceptions about Islam, and it is very important for us to build bridges of communication not just with Muslims, but non-Muslims."

"[The events] will help people understand Islam and clarify the stereotypes that some people have," said sophomore student Sherif Said.

SUMSA plans to hold information tables with a Book Fair in the Commons and to sell Middle Eastern pastries and Indian samosas in the Guerrieri Center from 12-6 p.m. on Monday, and 12-3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday throughout the week. They will also be putting out drop boxes for their collection of coats for the homeless Monday through Thursday. Students will be able to get their names in Arabic at the information tables in the Commons on Nov. 29.

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, the organization will show a PBS docu-



Photo by Peter Staubs

mentary called *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet*. The first showing will be in the Caruthers Hall auditorium at 10-12 in the morning, and the second showing will be in the Wicomico Room from 7-9 p.m.

The rest of Building Bridges: Islam Awareness Week will consist of lectures and end on Friday with a prayer service led by guest speaker Hassanain Rajabali.

Rajabali is an internationally-known Islamic scholar and princi-

pal of the Tawheed Institute in New York. All lectures will be followed by question/answer sessions. The first lecture, "Islam denounces Terrorism," will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 1 in the Holloway Hall auditorium at 7 p.m. Rajabali will speak on two topics on Thursday, Dec. 2. The first talk, "Science in Islam," will be held in the Henson Science Hall Room 243 from 2-3:30 p.m. The second lecture is titled, "Judaism/Christianity/Islam

- What is the common ground?" and will be held in the Great Hall and Social Room at 6 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 3, the last day of Islam Awareness Week, there will be a Muslim prayer session in Nanticoke Rooms A, B and C from 12 to 2 p.m. with Rajabali presenting on *The Importance of Being God-conscious*. A reception follows immediately afterwards at the GUC Fireside Lounge from 2-4 p.m. Middle Eastern cuisine and

light fare will be served. The campus community is invited to meet the speaker and join in informal discussion.

One of the reasons to hold the event is to let others know about Islam and SUMSA and spread awareness. "It is way for us to let everyone know we're here," said Umair Afridi, the Vice President of SUMSA.

"Not too many people know that there is an MSA and that we are trying to reach out to Muslims and non-Muslims," said Nina Nassar, the President of SUMSA.

"Our mission is to portray the true face of Islam and bring to light many of the stereotypes that one sees in the media today," said Chopra. "We live in a very diverse world and I believe our campuses across the country should reflect that diversity, to help students in higher education become better leaders and more tolerant citizens. Our efforts to promote understanding and open communication have been welcomed by the Student Government and we have had tremendous support and assistance from the Offices of Multiethnic Services and of Student Affairs. We welcome everyone to join us in our efforts to expand and spotlight the cultural literacy of the campus and community."

SU Joins in Celebration of American Indian Heritage Month

By: Samantha Gentile
Staff writer

American Indian Heritage Month started as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, first persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted an American Indian Day. The American Indian Association's president Rev. Sherman Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sep. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens. However, there is no record of such a national day being proclaimed. Some states

have declared an American Indian Day and others have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday. However, in 1990 George Bush passed a joint resolution proclaiming November "National American Indian Heritage Month," and similar resolutions have been passed every year since 1994. Salisbury University is no exception to this celebration of Native American Indian Month and has many November events geared towards learning about and enjoying the culture, traditions, folklore and history of the Native American Indians.

An upcoming artist exhibit introduces renowned Native-American artist and Wolf Clan member of the Onondaga nation, Eli Thomas. He

will have his work featured in the Bistro at the Commons beginning Nov. 8. With works of Thomas featured in the private collections of many, including President Jimmy Carter and country singer Shania Twain, many pieces are exceptionally crafted and very captivating. Thomas' scenes are predominantly landscapes, which incorporate subtle images and symbolism from Onondaga beliefs and teachings. Recurring themes in his art include: appreciation, giving thanks, seeking peace and showing respect for all living things. The exhibition is sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs. Bistro hours are from 7:15 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:15 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the exhibit is included with a meal in the Bistro and the public is in-

vited. The prices are: \$5.25 for breakfast (age 12 and over), \$7.25 for lunch and \$8.95 for dinner. Prices for children 6-12 are \$2.70 for breakfast, \$3.75 for lunch and \$5.50 for dinner. Children 5 and under eat free.

Salisbury University will also be hosting a Native American Meal on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. in the Commons Bistro. This event is in conjunction with the Celebration of the Native American People Series. The menu includes: Shepherd's pie, Cherokee chicken, Zuni green chili stew, Seminole corn stuffing, Pumpkin soup, baked vegetables of the vine, baked acorn squash, yam cakes, baked Indian pudding, Indian squash cake and rice pudding. Entertainment for this event will be provided by Native American musician Ron Warren. Admission:

adults \$8.50, children \$4.95, the public is cordially invited.

Finally, Salisbury University will host a free concert performance of the six-time Grammy nominated R. Carlos Nakai Quartet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The Quartet features R. Carlos Nakai regarded as the world's premier performer of the Native American flute, and has received much recognition in both the cultural and global spectrum. The quartet has released three CDs of mostly original music inspired by each member's musical history, ethnicity, cultural experiences and visions.

For more information on any of these events or any other activities relating to the celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month at Salisbury, call 410-543-6271 or visit the SU Web site.

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Flu Season Arrives Despite Nationwide Vaccine Shortage

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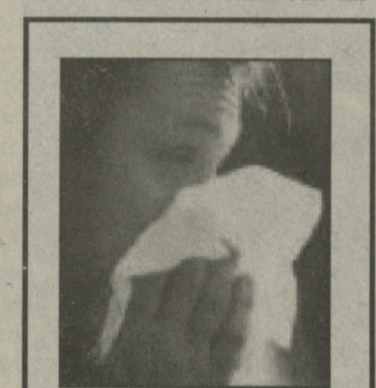
The flu vaccine shortage may lead to more people feeling the effects of the virus this winter, especially those on college campuses.

Several weeks ago, the Bush administration said it was working to purchase another five million doses of flu vaccines from manufacturers in Canada and Germany because of the shortage. A shortfall in flu vaccine supply for the US fell almost 50 percent from last year's supply.

"I am not very worried about the normal, healthy, average student. It's the students who are at higher risk because of chronic health conditions that I am worried about," said Director of Health Services, Jennifer Berkman.

Students who are at higher risk are those who have diabetes, chronic lung disease, or cystic fibrosis. "Their bodies

cannot fight the germs as well, and their immune systems are not as strong," said Berkman. She said she is very concerned about students with weak im-



mune systems being on college campuses because everybody shares everything.

"As a student, and knowing that the lifestyle of students - stress, partying, and malnutrition, can all suppress the immune system, making students more prone to getting the flu. Then, spreading it easily

throughout campus, is something that scares me knowing I could easily get it." The peak time for the flu will probably be here right in time for finals when we all need our health," said sophomore student Bethy Coccozza.

All SU students should take precautions during the flu season, especially those high risk students. Berkman and others at Student Health Services advise students to dress accordingly, to eat healthy, make sure to drink enough fluids, and most importantly to not over-indulge in alcohol or other substances. Students cannot prevent the flu, but they can take precautionary measures.

"If someone is sick, stay away from them; that is the easiest way of stopping the flu from spreading," said Berkman.

For more information contact SU Health Services at 410-543-6262.

Salisbury Crime Beat

10/23/04 3:24 AM Traffic

A student was observed driving erratically in the vicinity of Camden and College Ave. An officer stopped the vehicle. A Salisbury Police officer was called for assistance. The student was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

10/28/04 12:32 PM Dam-

aged Property The dry wall in a room on the 2nd floor of the University Center was reported to be damaged. Apparently, the damage was first noticed during the past summer.

10/29/04 11:45 AM Theft

A student reported that a bookbag and contents were left along the side of the main gym while a class was being attended. After class, the student discovered that a wallet and contents had been stolen from the bookbag.

10/30/04 2:40 AM A t-

tempted Robbery A student and a visitor were walking on Smith

Street near College Avenue. They were approached by three males who attempted to rob them. One victim was knocked to the ground. Both victims then ran to campus and notified University Police. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and one displayed a knife. There were no injuries during the incident. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Salisbury Police, 410-548-3165, or Crime Solvers, 410-548-1776.

10/31/04 1:22 AM Theft

An officer stopped a resident of Pocomoke Hall in the quad who was carrying a street sign. The sign was stolen from the City of Fruitland. A Fruitland police officer responded and took possession of the stolen sign. The officer decided not to arrest the student at the time. Administrative action is pending. 11/02/04 12:30 PM V a n-

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NEWS BRIEFS

GOSPEL CHOR HOLDS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. The SU Gospel Choir will hold its 20th anniversary celebration Nov. 19 and 20 in the Holloway Hall auditorium. The celebration will feature performances by the SU Gospel choir, SU Liturgical dance ensemble and guest performers Gideon Band from Washington D.C. For more information contact Debbie Johnson at 410-543-6086 or Kaimais Love at 410-548-3396. The event is free and open to the public.

SU LINK OF NATIONS TO BE UPDATED. The Link of Nations is a corridor of national flags, located between the Commons and the University Center, which represents the countries of birth of all current SU's students, staff, and faculty. "The purpose of the Link of Nations is to recognize and honor the diversity of background and life experiences that expand and enrich a university education. The Link of Nations will be updated this year. "If you would like a national flag representing the country of your birth to be displayed, please contact Agata Liszkowska at (410) 543-6313 or axliszkowska@salisbury.edu by November 15, 2004.

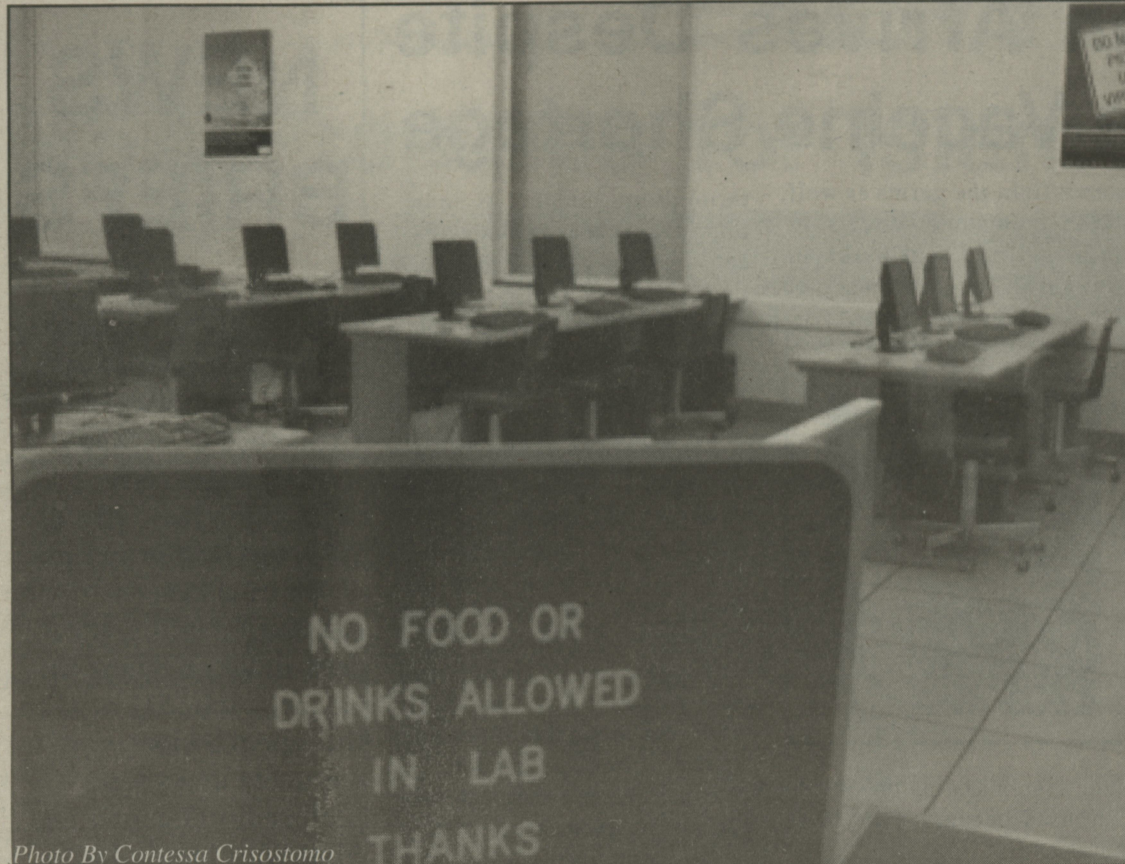


Photo By Contessa Crisostomo

New technology building planned to boost SU connectivity

By: Bob Wojtek
Staff writer

Salisbury University again is among the best 357 colleges this year, but had no rank in connectivity, according to Forbes Magazine.

The Princeton Review and Forbes survey rank colleges every year in different categories, including "connected campuses." Some of the topics for this year's connectivity rankings include: use of a campus wide network; wireless networking availability; online registration; dorm room access to the network; online course offerings; and streaming video and audio.

"I think if you look at schools our size and budget, we are doing some interesting things," said Jerome Waldron, Chief Information Officer at SU. "Our students are doing some cool stuff. I really believe if people had a better picture of what we are doing, there are very few schools offering as much."

The computer to student ratio of 4:100 ranks among the lowest of the 357 colleges surveyed. The only other in-state college with such a low ratio is University of Maryland College Park. In 2003, SU and St. Mary's College were tied in rank at 70; St. Mary's College moved up to 23rd this year. While St. Mary's reported adding new technology and more comput-

ers, SU reported no changes.

"I don't think there is anything more going on at St. Mary's than here," Waldron said. He referred to a spring 2003 survey that showed that 93 percent of SU students had their own computer. "The question is how much do we need to make available to supplement that. If we had 20 percent ownership, we would have to do a lot more."

Some students have questioned the \$60 semester fee for campus technology on tuition bills. This fee is a part of the roughly \$4 million budget the school has for technology, said Waldron. The budget includes Microsoft licensing, internet bandwidth, personnel salaries and SMART classrooms.

"Technology wise we have awesome computer labs and the internet is always hooked up," said sophomore student Katherine McKew. McKew wanted to see an improved library more than new technologies.

"It can take up to an hour just to print an assignment in the Mac lab," said junior Katie Gibson. She couldn't understand the need to charge extra for art fees either. "I still have to pay to print my color projects when I am already paying an extra fee for the design class."

Reliability is a main concern among students. A major internet

outage affected students on campus last Thursday. Information Technology said the outage was from AT&T mistakenly cutting a fiber communications wire. GullNet also had its own problems last Monday. The error blocked most students from accessing and registering for winter or spring classes. Many students saw a flag on their account because of non-existent financial holds. Scheduling errors made by the registrar's office also allowed about 35 freshmen to sign up for classes on Monday. The financial holds were taken care of immediately but the registration was still being handled one by one, Waldron said.

Plans for a new campus building include an integrated media center, more computer labs and a larger television studio. All new production studios and digital photography labs are part of the design.

"My goal is to have this to be the place to go, not Maryland or Towson," Waldron said. The idea to integrate everything together came from real world observation, said Waldron. Using a team approach can save the school and students money by not requiring duplicate equipment or extra room. This new building is still in the design phase and most likely won't be complete until after 2006.

SU Hosts Tri-State Math Competition

By Christina Weil
Staff writer

The 21st annual Eastern Shore High School Mathematics Competition will take place here at Salisbury University on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Sixty-nine students from 23 high schools in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia will be gathering in the Wicomico room to compete individually and in groups to reveal the top three winners in each category.

"It's a way to allow high school students to enjoy mathematics which may go beyond what they see in high school and observe how math is applied in classroom situations," said math faculty member, Kurt Ludwick.

High schools along the eastern shore were contacted by SU to select their best students for the event. Aside from promoting mathematics, the purpose of the event is to encourage students to utilize their strongest skills and

compare participants from other schools throughout the area. Kurt Ludwick, co-chair of the event, said that part of the objective is to relate students to the qualities that SU looks for in future applicants.

The competition consists of a series of timed questions completed by individuals as well as group segments. Teams are permitted to discuss the answer among the group to deliver a final written solution. Single participants, however, are required to complete 20 multiple choice questions independently. The top three winners from each section will receive U.S. savings bonds and book prizes sponsored by Key College Publishing. The event itself is being sponsored by Collectiv Power Delivery, SunTrust Bank and SU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. It is anticipated to be a day of intellectual expression and mathematical celebration.

Increasing student population requires drastic measures

Efficiency initiative seeks to save capital in the form of staff, faculty, class time

By Charles Bloom
Staff Writer

In an effort to accommodate the increasing number of students wishing to attend schools in the University System of Maryland without exceeding the limits of existing funding, the Board of Regents created the Effectiveness and Efficiency Initiative which intends to reduce the operating costs of the system. It will support the enrollment of an additional 2,100 full time students in the next

three years without any additional funding through policy changes, productivity gains and alterations to business processes."

The changes will be phased in by 2006 and are expected to result in a 26.6 million dollar savings in classroom utilization, faculty time and University resources. Over the next three years the Board of Regents will work with the Presidents and Provosts to implement the Initiative at each University within the Maryland system."

The Initiative will implement a cap of 120 total credit hours required for all majors, although some may require more than 120 hours for accreditation. "We want students to move through as quickly as possible to free up space for new students," said David Buchanan, Provost of Salisbury

University. Intended predominantly for other Schools in the Maryland University system, the only programs which exceed this limit at SU are those which already qualify for exemption. "This limit is fairly common around the country, and should have literally no affect on campus," said Buchanan.

A 132 credit limit is being imposed on all full time students. This allows students to take 12 credits of electives in addition to courses required for graduation. Exemptions will be made for students officially enrolled as a double major and those seeking two degrees. Students who take more than 132 credits without qualifying for an exemption will have to pay an additional fee for each additional hour.

Provosts from each campus are

working with the Board to determine what the additional fees will be. "It was proposed as being as high as out-of-state costs, but that's not going to be the case. I expect it to be about 25% more," said Buchanan. In order for the policy to effectively deter students from remaining in classes which could be occupied by new students, the Regents specifically excluded practices such as changing majors as criteria for exemptions. "It probably won't cost students more, though it will require very tight advising. If a student does decide to switch they should be sure they don't take any extras and make sure every class counts," said Buchanan.

Another proposal requests that schools arrange for students to take at least 12 hours of coursework outside the traditional classroom setting. These credits can take the form of independent study, undergraduate research, internships, advanced placement credits, credit by exam, CLEP credits, study abroad and online courses. Some programs in the Education and Business departments already fulfill this expectation. "This is a request rather than a mandate. If implemented it will not apply to students already enrolled."

Weekend and evening classes will free up additional seats in classrooms and the number of classes taught on Fridays will increase. "The goal is to see classes utilized to the same extent on Fridays as they are Monday through Thursday, though no details have been worked out yet," said Buchanan.

Another significant policy asked for an increase in the workload of existing faculty. "Frankly, our faculty are working flat out right now, and the standards the Board of Regents refer to are standards our faculty already meet," said Buchanan. Balancing the need for classroom instruction with advising, research, scholarship and creativity are difficult tasks that University faculty often faces. "There may be problems on other campuses, but I don't think we've got them," said Buchanan.

The remaining proposals involve

changes in business practices. Online applications and changes to the distribution and packaging of financial aid are other cost saving measures, and ones which Salisbury University largely meets. Another plan seeks to use the 13 campuses in the USM to leverage better deals on fuel, electricity and natural gas.

With all of these initiatives in place, the Board of Regents expects the University System of Maryland to meet approximately 20% of the projected increase in demand over the next three years, without any further increases in tuition. Containing tuition increases is a stated purpose of the E&E effort, which is a continuing effort of existing cost savings initiatives which have already saved the University System of Maryland the equivalent of \$65 million in new buildings and faculty. According to the Efficiency Report accompanying the Initiatives, the newest savings have already been calculated into the budget up to 2006. "In fact, without these efficiencies, additional tuition revenue would have been required," states the report.

The current three-year E&E plan is part of a projection which predicts massive increases in student enrollment over the next ten years. This is due to a larger number of high school students choosing to pursue higher education and the "baby boom echo," children of the post-WWII generation. "There has been a massive influx in the population in grade school and up. The increases in enrollment are expected to peak in 2011 or 2012," said Buchanan.

The Federal government provides college assistance in the form of student aid and grants for research. The costs of constructing new buildings and hiring new faculty are borne by student tuition and the State government.

"The Board believes they have shown that even with the tightest things they can do the University System will need an infusion. They can go to the State and say 'we've done our part, now you do yours.' Maybe that's a real good thing they've done on our behalf," said Buchanan.

Neither Party sees the truth about their own candidate

Dear Mr. Parker,

Let's start by admitting both sides distort "TRUTH" to fit their need. I voted for Kerry and I will admit his campaign distorted facts, if you can admit that your party distorted just as many. If you read books like "Unfit for Command," and see complete objective truth without distortion, then maybe it is fitting that your column appears in a Student Newspaper. Have you read "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," by Al Franken? I have read the book you suggested and not because of your reverse psychology.

I agree it is disturbing that John Kerry kept his medals in face of what he said and did during the Vietnam protests. While this fact is true, let's look at the swift boat veterans ad calling Kerry unfit for command. One of the Veterans in this add has been shown in a taped award ceremony giving Kerry an award and praising him for his service during the War. Which voice of this Veteran should we hear? Which one is truth? Were you in Vietnam with Kerry? We don't really know and "FACTS" from both sides make it seem he was both a great and crappy soldier. Which is it? I trust no one when it comes to matters of personal character in an election. Veterans support both Kerry and Bush. You want your roomful of Veterans to be believed, yet you would silence those who fought with Kerry and believed in him. Get off your high horse. What bothers me most about this is how a college educated professor is just as partisan as those he condemns and in exactly an equal and opposite manner.

You stated that "Many of his Vietnam Veterans Against the War were not even Veterans." It was a movement against the war. Any movement needs an infrastructure to get out the word, go door to door, arrange publicity. While it is ideal that a movement be what it says it is, it does not diminish the group or its message at all to have non-veterans as supporters and members. I believe that those members encouraged Veterans to speak their minds against the war knowing that non-veterans were behind them. I believe that some of the veterans would not have come forward without the support of those out-

side their ranks. I believe everyone agrees there is strength in numbers. Insert Bush war coalition Joke here.

"He has hoodwinked most of the news media and half of the American Voters." What news media are you talking about? The so called liberal media owned and operated by some of the largest Bush supporters in the country. Have you heard of Rupert Murdoch or Fox News? I believe their motto is Fair and Balanced. This idea that the media is liberal and biased should be held in stark contrast to the reality of the situation. How many conservative radio shows are there? You have just as much ability to control and distort the media as liberals. In many cases, you have absolute control to silence them. Again see Fox news, The O'Reilly Factor, and Hannity and Colmes. This battle cry of the liberal media is tired and no longer true. Again see "Lies and the Lying Liars who tell them"

"He (Kerry) is at the brink of being elected President because people like the way he talks, not because his supporters believe he has actually done anything." You would diminish the political history of the Democratic party including Roosevelt, Kennedy and Truman, to a statement like this. The absurdity of such a thing is disturbing. Let's just look at our current President's preelection record. One term Governor, Failed Business man, Drunk Driving, C average at Yale, Sank Texas' environment and education to some of the nation's lowest standards. So I guess your candidate was elected the first time without doing anything either. What reason do you have for electing him over John McCain? A Distinguished War veteran, POW and multiple term Senator respected by both Parties. A true Uniter not a divider, i.e. McCain Feingold bill. I just want to know when it became a bad thing for a candidate to know how to talk, and making up words became a positive attribute. See any of President Bush's television appearances. Our President argued that John Kerry should not be president because he lacked experience. So how was President Bush able to do such a "good job" without any experience at all. They both believe in America; they both would die to defend it. That is Truth.

And if Kerry "also has people enthusiastically spreading lies about Bush" You know that so does Bush. Can you say KARL ROVE? Especially on Senate voting records. If you look at Senators records you will find that they all vote against things they believe in. This is a fact of our system which allows amendments to bills having nothing to do with the original intent. Our legislators are forced to vote against things they believe in because it would force them to vote for something else they don't. Go look at the GOP records and show me I am wrong. You are hoping everyone reading your column will just take your word for it because you say it. I would encourage all Americans to read "Common Cents, vol 1" and "The 15 Biggest Lies in Politics" by former Conservative Democratic Senator Tim Penny of Minnesota. These are books that give you, in a non partisan manner, the workings of how bills actually are made and how they are affected by such things as the aforementioned amendments as both parties are guilty when in power.

"I found it revealing that Kerry allowed Michael Moore to be so visible at the Democratic convention." Amazingly he was just as visible at the Republican Convention. Go figure that American Politicians still believe in free speech. Score one for both parties and candidates. Look at that another compliment for Bush from a Liberal.

Before engaging in the debate about Iraq, I encourage you to see <http://politics.guardian.co.uk/iraq/comment/0%2C12956%2C1036687%2C000.html>. This report outlines how the Bush Cabinet developed a plan called the Project for the New American Century (PNAC) their plan for military control of the Middle East in 2000.

WE ARE SAFER, WE ARE SAFER, WE ARE SAFER. IF you keep saying it enough you can almost believe it. But while our President is reporting that we are indeed safer, our Vice President and Secretary of Homeland Security continue to warn us of the threat posed by Al-Qaeda. And let us not forget Osama Bin Laden's latest video about how he doesn't care who our President is. He will at-

tack us again unless we take care of him first. Oh Yeah, we were supposed to be going after him in the first place. When it comes to lies we have appearances of Rumsfeld and Cheney on Meet the Press saying they never claimed Iraq definitely had Weapons of Mass Destruction or posed an immediate threat to the United States. They are then showed replays of the exact telecast where they did say those things exactly. Is this lying? I am not sure. If we are to believe we went into Iraq under false information that we believed to be true, then why can't anyone in the White House say that.

As for Fahrenheit/Fahrenheit 911. I read your recommended sheet. Many of the "distorted facts" do not refute the claims of the movie where they are used for dramatic reasons. Take the quote of Rice #43 who says that there is indeed a tie between Iraq and what happened on 911. Although this is taken out of context it is used to highlight what we have been lead to believe. We were told that there were meetings and support given between Saddam and Al-Qaeda. This was one of the biggest smoking gun reasons given for invading Iraq. The 911 commission has since refuted this. Distorting facts with dramatic license to highlight a point. I guess the GOP hasn't done that at all have they. And there are other problems too. #6 Moore states correctly that George Bush has been on vacation more than any other president. While his actual numbers are wrong, the statement is true. So both movies and Kopel distort the truth. I've already admitted that both sides do that anyhow. I don't think you can.

"Does Kerry believe the President should micromanage military activities to this extent." No, what Kerry believes is an old statement by the President who dropped the bomb. THE BUCK STOPS HERE. Micromanagement is the military chain of command's responsibility. The President is the top of that chain. He needs to admit to that period. We hear a lot of talk from the likes of Rumsfeld about how the responsibility for Abu Ghraib is his. So what is his punishment? Nothing.

So why did I Vote for Kerry? Here it is. I believe in a world view,

and a world community not a world where we do as we please and seek to control everything. For the first time in history more Foreign investment capital is pouring into China than the USA. I believe this is because of the current administrations policies in the Middle East. I believe the Government has two major purposes. To provide for the common welfare and the common defense. This means helping the people have a good life and not being angry when a few bad eggs abuse the system. Remember the good samaritan you bible thumpers. I believe labor is a commodity and workers should be able to bargain for its value. That's capitalism not communism. I believe our country should protect that by encouraging companies to pay a living wage rather than sending their factories to China so they can save \$1.50 on a \$200 pair of Nike's, a savings they pocket rather than pass on to the American Consumer. The number of poor in America is at a staggering new high and gap of poor to rich is getting wider. And you want me to believe the playing field is level. I believe in Universal Health Care. I believe the wealthy get too big a stake for what they put in. I believe the current administration is all about the money at the top. Just look at the tax cut. I don't know why the working people of America think another Texas Oil man will care about them before Energy profits and his wealthy friends. In Ohio the major Energy producers were found guilty in federal court of violating EPA standards of pollution. George Bush changed the rules through executive order and didn't require the companies to pay the fines. Where is the democratic process in that? This while 1 in 6 American women has a mercury level high enough to guarantee a 10 point IQ score drop. That's not chance; that is an absolute. See the Center for Disease Control for the Statistics. What happened to the party of Teddy Roosevelt, the out-door conservative.

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Leaning to the extreme left proves not an option in the presidential race

By Shane Jacobus
Staff Writer

I don't know why I bothered watching media coverage of the presidential election on Tuesday Nov. 2, especially since I had a midterm in my history class the very next day. Now I know how Confederate General James Longstreet must have felt when his superior Robert E. Lee ignored his warnings and ordered Pickett's Charge on the third and final day of the Battle of Gettysburg. Since this is only a campus newspaper, please allow me to vent my frustration with the Democratic Party by speaking directly to the liberal majority on this campus, students and faculty alike.

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What's more, Bush won the Electoral College back then and this time around because he consis-

tently consolidated the South and the Mid-West, which gave him enough electoral votes to become president. Yet, the Democrats keep alienating potential swing voters in these so-called "red states" by leaning to the extreme left. And as long as we keep writing these states off like this, we merely prove Ralph Nader right when he calls us spineless.

So, to all the faculty and students who responded to my previous columns - you know who you are - I can't stress this enough. If we are really serious about turning this country around, we must not risk crashing it by leaning so far left; a majority of the voters wouldn't approve it anyway.

As for Campaign 2008, right now I'm willing to bet my money on Democratic Senator Evan Bayh, who hails from Indiana, a state that Bush carried handily in the last two presidential races. Bayh was up for reelection this past Tuesday and he won 62 percent of the vote, even though Bush carried this state in the presidential race.

Now that Bayh has been re-elected for a second term, he will have served in the U. S. Senate for almost 10 years when Campaign 2008 finally rolls around. Before he was elected to the Senate, he served two full terms as governor of Indiana. The Wall Street Journal gave him high marks for service, saying, "Mr. Bayh's record is one of a genuinely fiscally conservative Democrat."

Whoops! I probably shouldn't have said that seeing as how the Democratic Party is largely disinclined to nominate anybody who is remotely "conservative." God for-

bid we should nominate anybody besides far-left liberals for a change. For the record, Bayh voted along with most of his fellow Senate Democrats against the Federal Marriage Amendment. Keep that in mind before you thick-headed liberals call him all the various names you have for people who don't share your views - "Bush lite" and "Republicanat."

There is no doubt, in my mind at any rate, that Bayh would prove to be a formidable contender in Campaign 2008. For one thing, he is clearly popular in his home state and could very well carry it if he ran for president. More importantly, he has a rock-solid reputation as a centrist Democrat. The Republicans would definitely have a hard time trying to tarnish his image by labeling him a liberal.

However, the ultraliberal Howard Dean has already signaled an interest in running for the Democratic nomination in 2008. He came dangerously close to getting the nomination this time around by merely capitalizing on voter rancor over the war in Iraq. Yet, he never offered a tangible resolution to the dilemma we're facing in Iraq, all he did was shout what the anti-war activists wanted to hear. In response to this, Bayh wisely put this question to the Democratic Party: "Do we want to lead, or do we want to vent?"

So, my message to the liberal majority on this campus, think about that next time you vote in the Democratic Primaries, especially if three of the names on your ballot happen to be Evan Bayh, Hilary Clinton and Howard Dean. Vote for Bayh!

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Fahrenheit 9-11 viewers deserve to see the truth

Dear Editor,

If you have seen Fahrenheit 911, you owe it to yourself to learn the truth and watch Fahrenheit 911. Michael Moore used trick editing, misleading statistics, outright falsehoods and misquotations of honest people in his movie. "Fahrenheit 911, a real documentary, exposes some of these and features may Democrats, Republicans, veterans and their families, and those who were actually at the Sarasota school with President Bush on that tragic day. Some of these include Ed Koch (former Democratic New York City Mayor), Sgt. Peter Damon (wounded Iraq veteran), Senator Zell Miller (D-GA), Ron Silver (actor), Dick Morris (political advisor, including to President Clinton for 25 years), Rep. Peter King (R-NY), Dave Kopel (wrote "59 Deceits of Deceits Moore"), Sarasota school principal Tose-Rigell, Bill Sammon (Senior White House Correspondent for the Washington Times who was at the Sarasota school on 9/11), Frank Gaffney (Assistant Secretary of

Defense under President Regan) and Ann Coulter (author of three conservative best sellers). Even if you hate President George W. Bush, for the sake of the truth do not take Moore at his word. In response to SOAP using student activity fees to show Fahrenheit 911, the College Republicans felt the showing of Fahrenheit 911 on campus, without use of SU funds, would be an appropriate response. I have personally been emailing the director, Alan Peterson, and have obtained written permission to show the film on campus. I requested The Devilbiss auditorium, but will not have a response by the time this letter is due. If we receive permission, Fahrenheit 911 will be shown Friday, Nov. 12 through Sunday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Admission will be free and all are welcome to attend. For more information look for flyers around campus, check Groupwise or email me at GroupWise01@students.salisbury.edu. Jonathan Forester Senior

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Attention Students: New Opinion Editor addresses student body

Dear SU student body,

As the newly appointed editor of the opinion section of The Flyer, I will do my very best to make sure the material in this section is a non-biased representation of the many different viewpoints of the student body. If there are any concerns that you have or any interests that you want mentioned

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Democrats angered by rushed Iraq invasion do not condone immediate withdrawal

Dear Adam Meehan,

Your points exemplify exactly what is wrong with the Republican argument about the war in Iraq. You, like Bush are missing the point about why people are angry about the war in Iraq. Your points are exactly why half of this nation voted for John Kerry in terms of the war in Iraq.

As many Bush supporters, you failed to understand my point. Most Democrats are not advocating the immediate pull-out of the Iraq war. We are, however, angered over the rushed invasion and the mishandling of the war in Iraq.

Look at the facts: Bush and the chicken-hawks (a chicken-hawk is one who hammers the war drums without ever experiencing war) preached that Iraq presented a clear and imminent threat to the United States

through ties to terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. That my friend was the sole purpose of the invasion. The world was not told that the U.S. would be invading a country for the purpose of liberating an oppressed Iraqi people from a brutal dictatorship. Read that again. We, the American people were told that Saddam Hussein presented a clear and present danger to the security of the United States; therefore, an immediate invasion was needed to eliminate the threat.

The weapons of mass destruction and the links to terrorism were never found. That is the bottom line. Those findings can be read in the Duelfer or the 9-11 Commission Reports. Take your pick.

Yet here we are, Bush applauding the timeline of the war and

denying the reality in which the daily reports of escalating violence represent. With Bush, it gets even better. Even after the findings of Duelfer and the 9-11 Commission Reports, he said that he would invade Iraq all over again! Let me write that out: Bush says that he would invade Iraq even though weapons of mass destruction are not in the country and no ties of terrorism exist. He would still invade.

That my friend, is not being decisive. No, there is another word for that: stubborn.

The problem with your entire argument is that you never address the initial purposes of the invasion. After the findings of both the Duelfer and 9-11 Commission, Bush did not fess up to the American people. Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld,

former Central Intelligence Director George Tenet and assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz and others were not held accountable for faulty intelligence that launched the first U.S. pre-emptive war.

Why is it that the U.S. can launch its first pre-emptive war against another nation on faulty intelligence and not have any repercussions? Where is the accountability? I mean, only a rushed war that resulted in thousands of lives was launched on faulty intelligence, why would anyone be held accountable?

That question is what many Kerry supporters ask and demand of the Bush administration.

Let me now address your argument against Kerry voting for the war then not voting for it. I am sorry. You have been seduced by one of the Bush's campaign strategies, to make Kerry out as a flip-flopper. Karl Rove should be proud of himself.

When Kerry voted, as the majority of the Senators, he voted for the use of force as necessary. Let me make that make sense to you: he voted for the use of force if all other means i.e. diplomatic methods failed. Meaning, if Bush, and he did not, exhausted every avenue of diplomatic tools available, then Bush should be able to use force.

Kerry voted for the first version of the reconstruction bill. He voted against the second version. Want to know the difference? As said in the debates and by the way, Kerry owned those debates, Kerry voted for the version in which the tax breaks given to the rich (those who make over 200k a year) are rolled back to help pay for the war. Bush decided not to roll back those tax cuts. Kerry voted his conscience and vetoed the version in which left tax cuts for the rich intact.

The fact of the matter is Bush rushed into war without exhausting every means of diplomacy. As we are seeing now, the plan to win the peace was not given due time. Turn on the news. Every day soldiers are dying be-

cause we were told by the Bush administration that we faced an imminent threat and could wait no longer for diplomatic action to take course.

My last article titled *Bush Voters Have it Wrong* simply lays out a study by the Program for International Policy Attitudes (PIPA) which conducted research on why Bush supporters are able to line up behind Bush within his continuing stances on why we are at war with Iraq. I added commentary. The findings, however, are not biased but based on actual research. I did offer a link to PIPA.

Kerry was seen as a leader who could steer our country in a better direction by bringing our closest allies and Middle Eastern countries together to bring peace to Iraq. Bush is stuck in his own bath of flip-flops and every day, our soldiers are dying for our administration's mistakes. Until Cheney's Halliburton gives up its no-bid contract, our closest allies have no reason to be an economic interest to be in Iraq. Nor should they; we started this mess.

So please, next time you decide to call me out, include some sort of evidence which explains why we invaded Iraq in the purpose to liberate the oppressed and not for the weapons of mass destruction and so-called links to terrorism. The war in Iraq is the most disastrous big flip-flop on record.

Now I would like to quote our beloved chicken-hawk Rumsfeld, "Reports that say that something hasn't happened are always interesting to me, and as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns — the ones we don't know we don't know."

My question is: Can you as a Bush supporter decipher that? Because I am lost. Christopher Weymont '04 "Living in the real world."

Conservative Corner

Late in the Oct. 20 debate between the College Democrats and the College Republicans, one of the Democrats responded to a question about "Fahrenheit 9/11" with a comment something like, "Well, we had Michael Moore and you had the Swift Boat Vets." Although this remark was probably made in an attempt to be humorous, it reflected a disquieting moral equivalency that I noted Kerry supporters exhibiting throughout the campaign. It is truly repulsive to attempt to compare the Swifties' integrity to Moore's.

Many people who saw Moore's movie came away believing that Bush was stupid, that Bush was owned by the oil industry, that Bush owed the Saudis important favors, that Bush had no clear idea how to lead and that Bush was nothing more than a puppet in the hands of powerful controllers. Anyone who naively believed the veracity of Moore's movie would be prejudiced against voting for Bush.

On the other hand, people who read "Unfit for Command," people who saw "Stolen Honor," or people who saw the ads produced by the

Swift Boat Veterans and P.O.W.'s for Truth, believed that Kerry's decorations from his service in Vietnam were undeserved, that he had both defamed his fellow veterans and betrayed the P.O.W.'s by telling lies to the Senate in 1971, and that he had provided aid and comfort to the enemies of our country (to the point that our one-time enemies consider him one of their heroes). Kerry was clearly either a liar or a traitor or a war criminal - or all three. Who could vote to elect such a monster?

Moore is an avowed Bush-hater who freely admitted he structured his "documentary" in order to portray Bush in the worst possible light. Moore's open hatred for Bush (and arguably for the U.S. itself) is made clear by searching the web for his irrationally prejudicial attacks on nearly everyone to the political right of Lenin. His veracity and integrity are very much suspect, as are his motives.

On the other hand, the many dozens of Swifties and P.O.W.'s proclaimed they had only one agenda - countering Kerry's lies about one small part of his life. They limited their criticism of

Kerry to Kerry's public statements about actions which he himself highlighted at the Democratic Convention: his service in Vietnam. The press and the Kerry campaign attacked the Swifties' credibility, but none of the Swifties' claims were refuted by the repeated efforts to smear them. Moreover, as details emerged, Kerry's original Vietnam story began to unravel. "For example, his campaign finally admitted that his oft-repeated Christmas in Cambodia story was a fairy tale. "The mainstream press ignored this revelation as they and the Kerry campaign continued to attack the Swifties, repeatedly unfairly calling them liars and Republican operatives.

In spite of the smear-the-messenger attacks by Kerry supporters, these dozens of decorated veterans and prisoners of war were undeterred. They continued to accuse Kerry of being unfit to lead our country. The press, liberal and anti-military to the very end, virtually ignored them. In fact all Kerry had to do was release his complete military record and their accusations would have either been affirmed or

demonstrated to be lies. This he never did.

What truth was Kerry hiding? "Could he really have been dishonestly discharged only to be granted amnesty years later by President Carter - as more than one investigative reporter claimed? "Or did he do nothing worse than accept fraudulently-earned medals? "Or perhaps is even more of his Vietnam story nothing more than fiction? "We'll probably never know. "The press doesn't want to find out the truth, and Kerry continues to keep his records sealed.

It is sophomoric to dismiss Moore's movie and the Swift Vet's book as being nothing but equally extreme political criticism, of being equally extremely partisan, of being equally exaggerated in favor of one side or the other, and of being equally inflammatory. That simplistic rationalization conceals the truth and is insulting to these veterans.

Moore's movie was nothing but expert propaganda. The Swifties' book and ads contain sworn statements from men who should be honored for their service to this country and whose word should not

be challenged without evidence. To judge Moore's veracity as being equivalent to theirs is truly despicable. Moreover, if you remain upset about the result of the election because you believe what Moore told you about Bush, not only have you been duped, but you have deliberately chosen to remain ignorant and miserable.

Moore is a liar of the first order. If, as I believe, the Swifties are truthful, America almost elected a treasonous liar to its highest office. My challenge to unhappy Kerry supporters is simple: borrow my copy of *Unfit for Command*, read it, and then let's discuss it. I think you'll be grateful that Bush won. I certainly am. If you prefer, I'll even watch *Fahrenheit 9/11* with you and point out the lies if that will help you to realize that American voters aren't stupid simply because YOU were duped and voted for a morally hollow man. "Of course you can also choose to remain ignorant, and you can continue to whine and moan the way you have been doing the past few days. That would truly be stupid.

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Liberals experience symptoms of election hangover

By Owen Jarvis
Staff Writer

The Sunday after the election, I was waiting at a red light on my way home. My window was down, and I was sort of staring off into space when a car pulled alongside me. "Hey," the old man in the car asked me with a grin on his face, "don't you think it's about time you take off your bumper sticker?" He was referring to the Kerry/Edwards bumper sticker, which for three months had been a tattoo on my car. I mutely glanced at him and managed a brief smile. As I looked back at the red light, I was reminded of watching the election returns and cringing as state after state turned red, suggesting to me that Americans were giving progress a red light.

I assumed the man in the adjacent car was a Republican, and I assumed he was gloating. I'd had to put up with that several other times since the election. However, dealing with those few instances were not as hard on me as dealing with my cohorts on the left who immediately began to theorize about what went wrong, why it went wrong, what we could have

done to fix it and "where we go from here." Though I cocooned myself in my house, criticisms, negativity and banality had no problem finding me. For example, a good friend of mine who had given me constant hell about "selling out to the corporate two party system" wrote me an email the day after the election in effect saying "I told you so," pointing out that for all the Democrats' fears it wasn't Nader who cost them the election but Kerry himself. That kicked me when I was way down, and was one among tons of emails suggesting "where we go from here." I also received a slew of phone calls on the subject, for which I cursed not having Caller ID. I didn't want to think about anything; I just wanted to mourn privately. When one friend asked, "Where the hell do we go from here?" I responded, "To sleep." Thinking back, I do not recall if I meant just for the night or for four years.

Since that initial flurry of what amounted to high school gossiping, what I've thought about the election has not featured nearly so prominently in my mind as what other people have suggested I think

about it. My hesitation to form solid personal opinions stems from my fear of invalidating in any way my intense involvement in the campaign. I was not merely involved insofar as I helped to spread the word and attract voters to our cause; I was also intensely involved emotionally just like millions across the country were on both sides, thinking, dreaming, living and breathing our cause. I felt a passion and zeal during this time that I have never felt before. As such, I've neglected many things over the past few months, often to an unhealthy degree, in the name of this election, like my school work, health, friends and family.

Not to justify such sacrifices, but in my mind my efforts were not simply in the name of this election. I was fighting tooth and nail for change, fighting against the mistakes of the last four years, fighting for the future of our country, fighting against the progenitors of an unjustified, misled war, fighting for women's rights, fighting against tax cuts to those who don't need them, fighting for the environment, fighting against the outsourcing of American jobs, fighting for a minimum wage increase, fighting

against the appointment of regressive Supreme Court Justices, and on and on and on. In short, I was fighting for what I believe to be the betterment of society and doing so the way I thought best. So were a lot of people, on both sides of the political aisle.

Though I say this was more than just an election to me, it really was just an election. I tried to help, and my side lost; I know, ouch, life sucks, move on. It isn't that easy now, but it will be in time. I had a productive journey despite the defeat. Along the way, I endured criticisms from those to the right of me and to the left of me as well those standing with me, all of which at different times stung pretty badly. For example, I once walked home from campus in the cold rain wearing a Kerry/Edwards t-shirt and got berated by several motorists. I had just wanted to get home, and wanted desperately to hit the pause button on my political remote control. Right now, the goal for me and for others in my current frame of mind should be simply to not want to hit rewind. Criticisms, negativity and banality be damned; what we did meant something, not just to us but to America. We came

within an inch of changing of the world, but even if we had lost by much more there would still be value to what we did and what we stood for, because our intent, conviction and truth in our actions will reverberate for years to come and what we stood for we still stand for.

I came to a complete stop with the nation at the red light of election-day, but stayed motionless long after the light had turned green the following morning. I guess I had an extended hangover from the election. Our culture does not allow us much time for reflection, so I've had to floor it to catch up and am forced to reflect in spurts whenever I get a chance. As I floored it away from that old man who detested my bumper sticker, I was ready to reflect. I was not yet ready to remove my sticker, not yet ready to rip the band-aid off my wound. Then, a little while after I sped off, he caught up with me, passed me and honked, in doing so showcasing his matching Kerry/Edwards bumper sticker. He also couldn't let go quite yet, and I imagine that he for one understood me completely.

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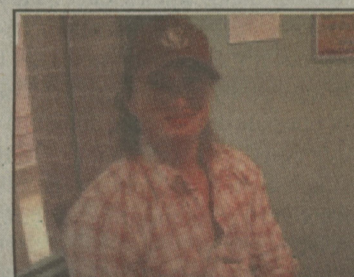
Not at all happy because of Bush's stance on the economy, jobs and healthcare.
-Amanda Steel, junior



I was happy.
-Stephanie Szkaradink, senior



I'm glad he won.
-Josh Townsend, junior



I'm really not that surprised.
-Andy To, senior



I'm happy because I am for Bush.
-Sarah Reynolds, sophomore



I was hoping Kerry would win.
-Sibtai Rawah, senior



I'm happy.
-Jeremy Townsend, junior



I wasn't surprised, but I'm not happy about it.
-Lauren Broderick, freshman



I am very happy because I wanted someone who supported our troops in Iraq.
-Janna Walsh, junior



Sweet.
-Steve Elliot, junior

By Abby Smith, Staff Writer & Photos by Contessa Crisostomo

Real Campus Heroes Vol.2 Pt. 10 Ms. Post-Election Liberal Girl

By: John A. Heath
Features Editor

Today we salute you, Ms. Post-Election Liberal Girl, even though your two-plus years of campaigning against the current President have evidently proved fruitless; our comparatively conservative yet historically apathetic campus appreciates your unceasing toil. You have injected a certain degree of political discussion on this campus without which we would be nothing more than self-satisfied students ignoring the importance of political concern.

A truly optimistic period of your life, the week prior to the election seemed to bode well for you and your cohorts. Through phoning local voters, picketing for regime change, and constantly crossing your fingers, you had approached the final leg of the anti-Bush campaign, confident that your efforts would pay off and that the current president would finally be deposed.

You completed your final effort on Nov. 2, as you marched on polling stations, carrying Anti-Bush/Pro-Kerry signs, attempting to convert some Eastern Shore conserva-

tives to vote against the Republican Party. Of course you had already known that Maryland was going to give its electoral votes to John Kerry, but you had to do something, after all, you couldn't very well march on Ohio.

After a long night of 11th hour campaigning, you retired to your apartment with eyes glued to CNN, as nausea increased with each successive red state that popped up on the Electoral College map.

At 3 a.m. EST on the third of November, sitting cross-legged in front of the television and rocking back and forth, for the first time you threw your faith to a deity and prayed that those crazy Ohioans would vote with their hearts and not with their pocketbooks. Alas, come sunrise, we still did not know who would be the next President.

Sometime in the afternoon, John Kerry had conceded defeat upon hearing news that Ohio was likely in the hands of the GOP. Disheartened, dejected and depressed, you became crushed by what you view as four more years of sinful incom-

petent leadership. You have yet to be seen on campus as you have not moved from your couch since you heard Kerry's concession. With dark rings under your eyes and slumped posture, you have become a lifeless zombie with little will to live.

Much like the puzzling post-World Series emergence of the Salisbury Boston Red Sox fan, previously mute polar opposite conservative students have used Bush's victory as inspiration to finally voice their unending support for the Republican Party. Call them fair-weather fans, call them moral turncoats, but we know that you would truly prefer not to call them anything at all. Perhaps ignoring them is the best way to escape what you see as a harrowing reality.

And now as you sit and ponder about emigrating to Canada, we toast you and your exhaustive effort which has proven as futile as a condom on a eunuch. So, why not breathe some life into yourself with a never-ending supply of herbal tea. Ms. Post-Election Liberal Girl, be-

cause you will certainly require massive amounts of liquid Zen and

serenity to make it through the next four years.

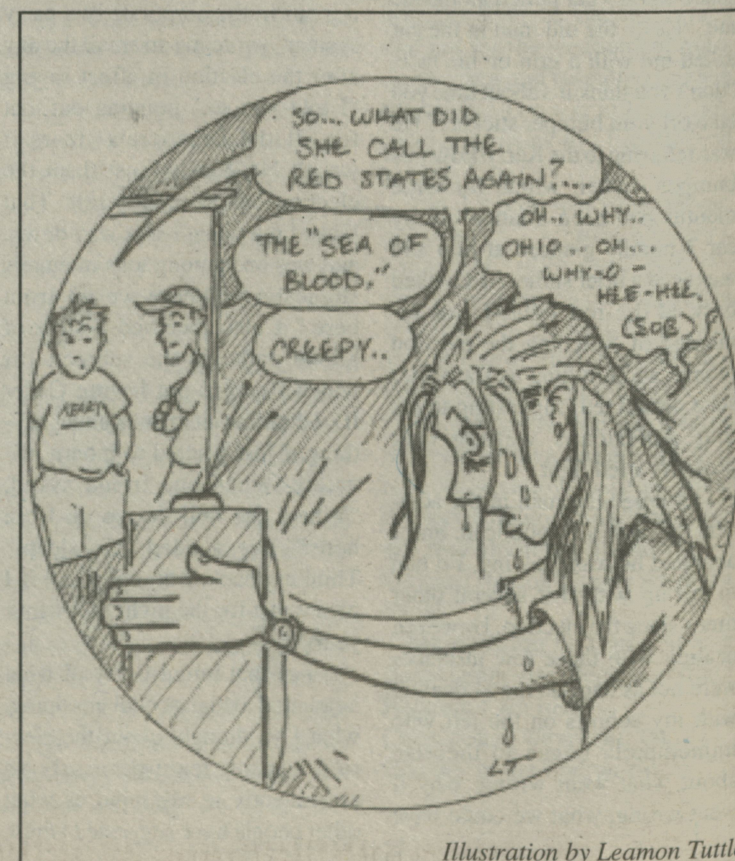


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Diversity Issues Remain Top Priority at SU

By: Justin Hennaut
Staff Writer

Diversity has been one of the top priorities of President Janet Dudley-Eshbach since her inauguration as head of Salisbury University in 2000. Four years later, how has the school performed in regard to this initiative to increase diversity?

"Many educators believe that a university or college community that is more diverse better prepares all students for the workplace," says Dudley-Eshbach. "Moreover, having people here from many different ethnic, economic, and geographic ... backgrounds encourages and promotes greater understanding among individuals of all backgrounds."

Each year, approximately 6,000 students apply to SU with about 3,000 accepted. This

year's freshman class was comprised of 950 students. The University has a known (including only people who declared an ethnicity) minority attendance of 14 percent. This figure is an increase from 2000 when the minority population was only 10.6 percent.

"It is gratifying to know that we are a more diverse institution than we were in 2000," says Dudley-Eshbach.

"The school is doing a better job compared to the past with forums and events to promote diversity," says sophomore Joe McNeil. "But black and white isn't what diversity is all about."

Even though SU's known diversity rate has increased 3.4 percent since 2000, the school has the fourth lowest diversity rate of any school in the University of Maryland System. UMBC has the highest diversity rate at

49.3 percent in 2002.

The President attributes this low rate to the community that surrounds the University. "[This] is primarily due to the fact that 12 miles south of us is a historically Black institution, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore," says Dudley-Eshbach.

This past July, Kevin R. Carreathers was named the Director of the Office of Diversity. According to Carreathers, the main goal of the University is to "make sure we have a campus that respects differences and celebrates the good in all of us."

According to Carreathers, an effective strategy to expand the diversity of this University is to expose students to college life at an early age. He believes the more children are exposed to a college setting, the more likely they will work harder and want

to attend college. He defines his job as "mak[ing] sure we have a diversity program to impact academic performance and enhance the campus climate." Carreathers admits there is still work to be done but they are working hard to make the University a better more diverse place.

One junior student believes this is a bigger problem than the administration makes it seem. "This is a huge problem because college is for more than the white upper-class," says the student, who asked to remain anonymous.

According to University statistics, Salisbury University awards fewer undergraduate degrees to students who declare themselves members of the African American community than compared to the 2000-2001 school year.

This year (2002-2003), the

University awarded 59 undergrad degrees to students declared as African American compared to 1196 degrees to students who declare themselves white. This figure is down from 2000-2001 when 67 degrees were awarded to students of the African American community. Dr. Carol Williamson, the VP of Student Affairs, was unavailable for comment on these figures.

According to student Jody Bond, the comparatively low quantity of degrees awarded to African-American students reflects the amount of people who apply or are accepted. "If less African Americans apply and are accepted then naturally less diplomas will be given to them," she says.

Diversity initiatives will likely continue to be in the foreground in the coming years.

Ode to New Jersey

By Lindsey Richman and Megan Wintersteen
Staff Writer and Layout Editor

First of all, we'd like everyone to know that New Jersey is more than just the Jersey Turnpike; and yes, although we may identify ourselves by what exit we're off of, at least we're more than just a county.

Jersey consists of mountains, plains, cities and beaches; honestly, what more could you ask for? And to all those who refer to it as "dirty Jersey" after only visiting Newark, they need a reality check. That's like going to downtown Baltimore and saying that Maryland is a wasteland.

Ever notice how easy it is to pick a Jersey girl out of the crowd? For the most part, she's usually the one with confidence, style and an attitude that will make anyone think twice.

Yes, our driving is just as aggressive as our attitudes, so please, when you see us coming just move out of the fast lane; everyone knows that 65 MPH really means 80 MPH. And by the way, if you decide to cut us off, don't be surprised when we thank you with a

middle finger and a few choice words; in fact, it should be expected.

We also know how to navigate circles and jug-handles the right way, and as far as this pump your own gas crap, it's full-service where we come from and that's the way it should be.

The next best thing Jersey has to offer is its location. Positioned directly in-between New York City and Philly, Jersey has the best to offer as far as pizza and cheese steaks, and it doesn't matter what you tell us, we will insist that you have never tasted real pizza until you've tasted ours. Oh, and as for our bagels, Jersey-ans understand that they are more than just a roll with a hole in the middle.

Now, let's get a few more things straightened out. First of all, we have subs; it's NOT a hoagie, grinder, hero or worse, a cold-cut. Cold-cuts are meats that you order from the deli, they do not constitute a sandwich.

Secondly, all good nights end at a diner where we order cawfee, and just to clarify, Dunkin' Donuts, Wawas and 7 Elevens are all part of our standard routine.

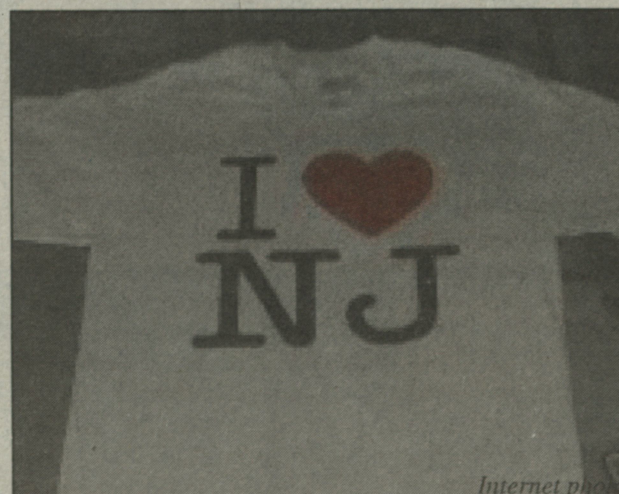
Perhaps most importantly, we do not go to the beach, we go down the shore and it is understood that after prom Seaside is the place to be. Even MTV has adopted the Jersey shore as part of its annual summertime home.

The Sopranos is our favorite television show, and not only have we seen almost every episode, we've also seen every place in the opening credits.

Essentially, some of the most well-known celebrities of all time have the privilege of calling New Jersey their home-state, such as: Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen, Jack Nicholson, Whitney Houston, Jay Leno, Danny DiVito, Michael Douglas and Frank Sinatra, just to name a few.

So although it may catch a bad rep now and then, just remember that Jersey has a lot more to offer than people perceive. The true Jersey-ans respect and take pride in our state, and as dirty or smelly as you may say it is, we wouldn't have it any other way.

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Winter Months Bring More Eat, Less Exercise

By: Caroline Watson
Staff Writer

Eating healthy may sound simple, but for many it's a challenge; especially college students who are typically found to be hitting up Taco Bell at 2 a.m. or chowing down on the McDonald's dollar menu as opposed to making a balanced home cooked dinner. The winter season poses a particular challenge to college students who might eat more and exercise less during the chilly months.

"When I am trying to eat healthy, I try to choose foods that are nutritious," says junior Elyse Rowan. "I eat lots of chicken and salads; good food that is healthy and tastes good. I try not to snack and work out as much as I can"

Rowan describes a typical day of eating; no breakfast, a sandwich or grilled chicken for lunch, and for dinner either fast food, the Commons or Gull's Nest.

Eating healthy is not only an important routine one should follow every day, but it especially important during the fall and winter

months. As the days get colder the idea of running or exercising out in the cold isn't quite as tempting as it was in the summer. Therefore it is extra important to pick out balanced, healthy meals.

"If winter weather interferes with your workout then you need to find an alternative indoor workout to replace it," says University Dietitian Kate Cerulli. She also says in order for a work out to be effective it must happen for 30 minutes, at least five days a week.

According to an article in the university's Café Express, some simple tips to increase winter exercise include parking far away and walking to class or using the stairs as opposed to the elevator. The Café Express is also a source to find out how many calories are in each and every item you can find in the commons.

For students who live in residence halls and don't have the best access to a kitchen, Cerulli suggests foods such as pretzels, light microwave popcorn, dried fruit, peanut butter on crackers and trail mix. Pumpkins and nuts, such as wal-

nuts and pecans, are good foods to incorporate into one's Thanksgiving dinner.

Cerulli explains that when students are less active their calorie intake must also decrease or else they will be left with weight gain. She says that dairy and the vegetable/fruit group are what most people tend to fall short in eating.

"One reason I think students don't eat healthy is because [health] food is expensive and fast food is cheap and easy," says Ali Goetz, a sophomore.

If fast food is the only alternative then it's important to stick by some guidelines. An article found at www.healthyeating.net says to consider eating small portions of fries and burgers, getting subs on whole grain buns and choosing colorful salads.

The winter months bring family and holidays, but students might want to consider being aware of what they are eating. Carefully selecting foods and exercising are key aspects of being healthy, no matter what season.

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Being Healthy this Holiday Season

By: Portia Wright
Opinion Editor

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching and it's fatter cousin Christmas lurking around the corner college students can't wait to go home and consume boat loads of ham, turkey, roast beef, macaroni and cheese, yams, sweet potatoes, other fattening starches, tons of sweets and thick artery clogging gravy. One's mouth waters just thinking about it!

With the help of SU's Dietician Kate Cerulli, here is a short list of suggestions which could help fight the battle against holiday weight-gain and stay healthy this season.

Number One: Be realistic. It will be very difficult to start a diet over Thanksgiving or Christmas so why try? Instead try to maintain your current weight by eating in proportion and doing some exercising, walking is a good way to work off

the extra pounds.

Number Two: Trim down holiday favorites. When your grandmother developed her recipe for sugary-sweet sweet potato casserole there weren't many low fat options, but there are now so try and offer those alternatives to the cooks of this holiday's feast.

Number three: Holiday Spirits. Alcoholic beverages have a great deal of calories and have little to no nutritional value, yes this does include the use of V8 you big lush! Drinking decreases your willpower and can often lead to over eating.

Number four: Savor the flavors of the holiday. How often do you have a real home cooked meal? I'm guessing hardly ever, so enjoy the holiday goodies without guilt. Try and remember to not waste calorie consumption on food that you can have anytime, instead eat the things you never get to on a daily basis.

Election turn-out proves PACE and NAACP voter empowerment successful

By Abby Smith
Staff Writer

Amidst the saturation of partisan campaign messages this year, there was a great deal of emphasis placed on voter registration and participation, regardless of party affiliation. Two organizations on campus, the NAACP and PACE worked to spread the message of civic duty. These efforts were focused mainly on rousing young people to register and exercise their right to vote, although everyone who was eligible to vote was encouraged to do so.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, led numerous campus-wide voter-registration efforts. On Election Day, the NAACP set up a table in Red Square to encourage voter empowerment. Members could be seen tossing footballs and Frisbees at potential voters in Red Square in order to encourage voter empowerment.

While standing by their table, NAACP members would ask passers-by if they were planning on voting. Those responding affirma-

tively would receive either a Frisbee or a soft stress-relieving football.

The footballs and Frisbees sported the NAACP letters and also the words, "the ball is in your hands" in reference to the vote. According to Candice Wimberly, president of SU's NAACP chapter, the purpose of the event was to remind people of their civic duty to vote.

Tristan Belgrave, also a member of NAACP at SU, stresses the importance of student participation at the polls. "The fate of the country in the next four years will be determined," says Belgrave.

In response to the often-heard complaint that one vote won't make a difference, SU's NAACP vice president Kevin Banks says "Don't feel like your vote doesn't count. It seems like there are a lot more people involved in this election, which is a good thing."

"Don't give up, stay active and pay attention to what's going on," says Wimberly.

"We're a non-partisan group," says Banks. "We don't care if you're voting for either candidate

or for yourself...just vote. You think you can make a difference, and you can."

PACE, which stands for the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, is an association that works with the campus and Salisbury community to "foster...a more informed and responsible citizenry by promoting ethics and good government," according to the mission statement.

Student representatives for PACE have attended numerous events on campus throughout the semester, encouraging their peers to be informed and aware of the issues in the election. Volunteers from the Voter Registration Student Team were on-hand to assist students in filling out registration applications, as well as applications for absentee ballots. In total, 353 students were assisted in registering to vote, and 679 absentee ballot applications were completed.

Whether or not the election went the way students hoped it would, PACE and NAACP have worked to increase voter registration and participation on-campus.

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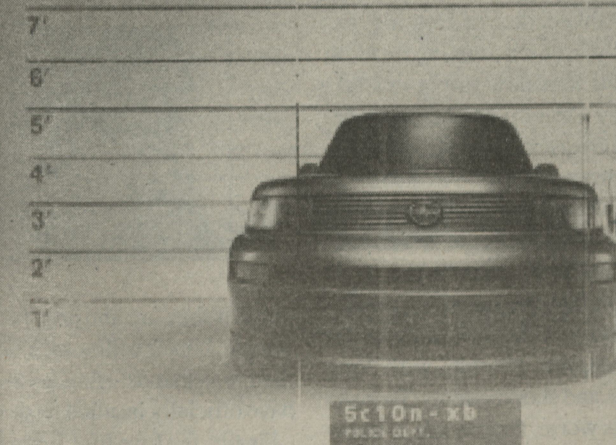
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"Alfie" is spread too thin, alienates viewers

By: Kat Hess
Photo Editor

Five minutes into the remake of the 1966 movie, "Alfie", audience members realize one thing—Jude Law is extremely charming. There is not much of a stretch in the imagination to believe he is a womanizer.

"Alfie" is directed by Charles Shyer and based on a play by Bill Naughton. Law carries the title role, once filled by Michael Caine, as a Manhattan limo driver, who has a way with women. He gets married women, young women, single moms, older women, even his best friend's girl, playing with the emotions of each, and never letting them play with his. Through a series of ups and downs, Alfie earns some lessons about love and relationships.

When watching this film, it is hard to separate Jude Law from the rest of it. The technique of having an actor talk to the audience is heavily employed during this movie, so the audience constantly has some connection with the man. This works to get an audience member to feel something for him, whereas a

lot of his actions would usually sway a member towards dislike.

Alfie treats women as objects, ones that he is in need of possessing. Since this film is seen through his eyes, more often than not, the women are given one-dimensional characteristics. There's the wild one, the sweet single mother, etc., etc. None of them ever really get overly upset or angry with Alfie, which is extremely odd. They seem to accept what he did and move on. This is not exactly a trait found in most women when they know the man they care about is cheating on them.

For the several women Alfie has some feeling for, even if the emotion is fleeting, it is hard to understand why. The film suffers from poor character development and a messy plot. There is too much concentration on all the women he is with, versus the character of the relationships. Consequently, after a while the point of him bedding lots of women starts to drag the movie down, burrowing the idea into the ground.

Despite the many women he beds, there are two standouts. The chemistry between Law

and Nia Long (Lonette) and between him and Susan Sarandon (Liz) is outstanding. There is true sexual heat between the characters, each actor playing well off the other, which brings about a couple of enjoyable scenes.

As for acting, the two women pull off their roles the smoothest, and Law is always fun to have in any film.

As for technical achievements, there is a fantastic sequence using photographs, that is a must see. This is absolutely stunning and completely random in use, though it does not feel so. The jump cuts, which can often make a film feel disjointed, work well when used. However, the constant freeze frame on women does not, as it stops them in mid-conversation or movement, and causes such beautiful women to look rather funny.

Overall, this film works for a Jude Law lover, or for a male who wants to live through the fantasy of bedding half of Manhattan. Law's charm cannot make up for stereotyped women and an overall weak plot filled with holes.

As seen on campus: Frequent Fashion Faux Pas

By: Amber Smith
Staff Writer

Midterms are over, the papers have been turned in, and Halloween is in the past. Therefore, there is no excuse for the fashion flukes that have been seen around campus. It's evident that many SU students have no clue as to what they are attempting to prove when getting dressed in the morning. Take



the guys for example.

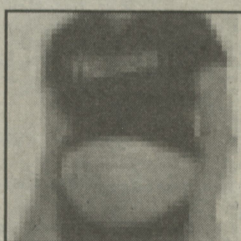
The season has changed and the temperatures are a bit chilly. Therefore the sweatshirt, although not a number one pick, is a somewhat acceptable choice of clothing. Especially if one is running a tad bit late and somehow forgot to select the day's wardrobe the night before. However, khaki shorts with a "two sizes too big" sweatshirt do not make the grade. It is always helpful to first decide which season would best benefit the day's style of dress before going out.

Yet guys still go out dressed for sixty-degree weather with long sleeves and short bottoms. To make matters worse, they decide to throw on a pair of Adidas sandals and some bright, white Fruit of the Loom socks. Not only is this confusing, it is simply tacky. Sandals are to expose the feet in warm weather, while socks are to hide and protect them in cooler weather. The two do not mix. Hence, guys should make a decision as to whether they will expose or protect their feet. Preferably they will choose the latter, simply because it is now officially the fall season and the wind is starting to bite.

Finally, many males have expressed their newfound joy in stylish and colorful sunglasses. This is

evident because they wear them as they drive to class, as they walk to class, and even as they are in class. Yes, several of them have suffered from the P. Diddy syndrome and refuse to take their sunglasses off inside. Although they may be color-coordinated with the outfit and/or shoelaces, it's never that serious. These guys must realize they are in school and therefore should not feel the need to be under cover or invisible because everyone can still see them.

Ladies this semester have proven that they are definitely a bit more fashionably aware than last semester. Yet there are still a few areas that need improvement. When deciding to wear belly shirts, one must take into consideration the belly itself. The shirt was originally designed to accent one's abdominal region in a tasteful, yet sexy manner. However, a few of SU's female students have been abusing this creation. How should they



know if they are abusing the shirt? Simple. If their bellies stick out over their waistbands, chances are they have officially insulted its designer.

Finally, the love for Capri pants is a little too passionate all over campus. Even in the decreasing temperatures ladies insist on wearing last summer's Capri pants and hopping their socks and tennis shoes will keep their legs warm. Although this clever antic may work, it's definitely not attractive. Perhaps they should invest in a pair of thick and comfortable jeans and/or pants that will look presentable and warm their legs at the same time. Even if these are worn every day of the week, it's better than stretching ugly tube socks to their knees and having others point and stare.

Kat's Rant of the Week: "The Swan"

By: Kat Hess
Photo Editor

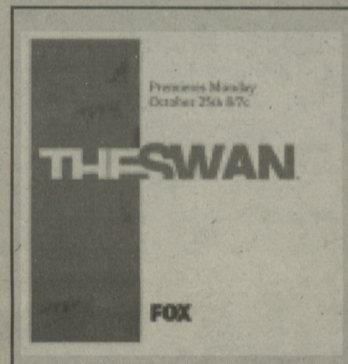
Society's use of media is destroying women's self esteem. I turned on to the TV Guide channel to find something to watch, when I realized just how many shows there are that provide more ways to convince women that they are not beautiful. There are insane amounts of plastic surgery shows on television now. Granted, the ones on Discovery Health are quite informative, but what about "The Swan" or "Extreme Makeover"? What are these shows telling women?

In today's society, the ideal woman is skinny, yet she has large breasts, and a firm butt. This in itself is ludicrous. Breasts and buttocks are largely areas of fat—the one thing women are so motivated to lose. Yet now people can get enhancements by way of surgery to fulfill that "Barbie doll" dream, and now, TV wants to provide people with ways to do just that.

"The Swan" is plainly and utterly disgusting—mainly because someone had the vulgarity to create it. Here is a show that has women competing to see whose plastic surgery make-over turned out the best. This is sending a message not only to the women who are on this show, but also to women who watch it

about how they should look. If someone's thighs are a little too thick, or someone's nose is a little too long, her breasts are too small, and her waist too big, it has to be molded to meet some near-impossible standard.

Why is any of this even considered beautiful? Why does the media constantly have to put hard bodies on a screen or a magazine and to tell women this is how they should look?



Men are not born with washboard stomachs, or muscular arms, they are born soft. There's a line in the movie "Pulp Fiction" that mentions how it is a shame that what is pleasing to the eye, is not pleasing to touch. Who wants to lay their head on a rock, when they can lay it on a pillow? Why has society, through the catalyst of media, decided this

is what is beautiful?

Marilyn Monroe was a size 12, and considered one of the most beautiful women alive, would she still be considered so now? In a regular clothing store for women, a size 12 is not exactly the easiest to find. Department stores tend to load up on sizes 1, 3, 5, etc, and yet wonder why they end up marking so many of those sizes down due to lack of sales.

I'm not discounting the fact that many girls out there are naturally thin, or that they are athletic and have built up their bodies to be that way. However, what message is being sent out, when people say one way is better than the other? Why are both large and small sizes not considered beautiful? Why are most celebrities attended by a physical trainer and have someone to watch what they eat? When did people start deciding that fat was not bad for what it did to someone's health, but because it was unattractive?

When did we move from the Greek ideal of beauty being a woman who had curves on her body, to one who could pass for a toothpick? Why do we live in a society where these questions are raised, and why are we not doing enough about it?



Stefani's "Love, Angel, Music, Baby"

By: Portia Wright
Opinions Editor

Married to her love of nine years, Bush frontman Gavin Rossdale, being head designer and owner of the fashion bag company L.A.M.B., and making her acting debut in *The Aviator* with Leonardo DiCaprio hitting theaters Dec. 17, Gwen Stefani has quite a lot to be happy about these days. Her new album "Love, Angel, Music, Baby" is a great reflection of these happy times.

The Orange County ska band No Doubt, have been making wonderful music together since the 1980s and many critics are wondering if Stefani will have the same success on Nov. 23 with her new solo release.

Although Stefani did co-write all of the tracks on her album, she did what all successful musicians do—she collaborated with other musicians and many legendary music producers, most of whom the artist has previously worked with (like Dr. Dre and Eve who assist on "Rich Girl").

Always in the know of what's hot and what's not, Stefani enlists the help of super trendy and multi-talented producers and fellow artists The Neptunes for "Hollaback Girl." Keeping with the popular artists of the moment, no one is more in the rage than Outkast's Andre "Ice Cold" 3000. The Atlanta-based rapper brings his hip-hop stylings to

"Long Way to Go." Stefani also collaborates with No Doubt band mate (and ex-boyfriend) Tony Kanal for "Serious" and "Crash." She also worked with New Order's Peter Hook and Bernard Sumner on "Real Thing" and renowned producer of groups like TLC and Usher, Dallas Austin brings his musical genius to "Cool."

Music legends Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, considered to be Janet Jackson's dream team, bring their musical production talents to Stefani's album as well. The duo help the singer show homage to some of her favorite fashion icons on the track "Harajuku Girls" where she says, "Harajuku girls, you've got the wicked style/I like the way that you are/I'm your biggest fan. Your accessories are dead-on/Did you see your inspiration in my latest collection?" Stefani also mentions her love of the eccentric costume dressed Japanese girls in her current single "What You Waiting For."

The special-edition CD comes with a custom cover designed by the singer herself, adorned in fabric and embossed in gold, with a book-style layout complete with a ribbon bookmark. "Love, Angel, Music, Baby" offers many danceable tunes and is a combination of Stefani's love of fashion, ska music, California and fun.

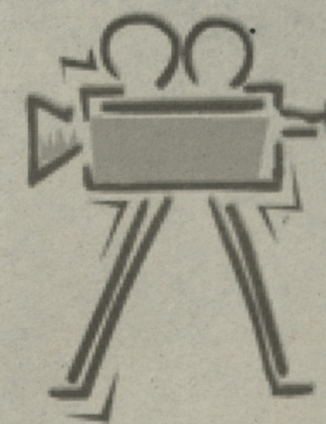
Film Fest Kick-off in Rehoboth Wednesday

By: Tiffany Chestnut
A&E Editor

Wednesday, Nov. 10, heralds the 7th annual Rehoboth Beach Independent Film Festival. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the Rehoboth Beach Film Society hosts the premiere of a local documentary, "Nothing Beats Fun," based on the local amusement center.

Many other movies will be presented including: "Donnie Darko: The Director's Cut," "Bubba Ho-Tep," "Sugar," "The Agronomist" and "Howard Zinn: You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train."

All films will be screened at the Movies at Midway complex.



Closing night includes audience winners for Best Feature, Best Debut Film, Best Documentary and Best Short. It includes a reception with light fare, open bar and music by RoughJazz.

General admission is \$8 for each film, \$6 for seniors aged 60 and up and children aged 11 and under. Admission for opening night festivities is \$20 and \$15 for the closing night party.

For more information visit the Rehoboth Beach Film Society website at www.rehobothfilm.com.

Nimble Linguist Performs for Lyricist Lounge

By: Tiffany Chestnut
A&E Editor

Last Saturday night, U.S. Department of State's American Cultural Specialist and Hip Hop Ambassador Toni Blackman impressed an SU audience with her improvised lyrics.

"She's a really talented speaker and I'm glad I got to see her perform," said Carldrickiss Haymon, a member of The Truth, who echoed the sentiments of many who attended the event.

"Our advisor told me all about her work and how she promotes hip-hop without as much profanity as the commercial stuff out there now," said Truth president Aaron Mason on why the club chose Blackman. "I thought we had to get her and see what an influence she could be here on campus. Once I heard her rehearsing at sound

lines, made a lot of good points, and 'Hollywood Dreams' was off the hook!"

The lyrics that garnered the most applause, however, were from a poem called "Spell #5." "Loving you is like a full-time job," she read, "with no pay, no benefits, no perks. Please accept this letter of resignation."

The rest of Blackman's performance included not only reading poetry but performing hip-hop style and "freestyling" with improvised lyrics as well. At one point in the show, Blackman invited members of the audience onstage for a "cipher," a circle of artists who take turns freestyling.

"In many religions and societies," Blackman explained, "the circle is very important and sacred, so this is actually a very old custom. It's about sharing—giving and

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she considers true hip-hop and poetry at a young age.

"I used it as a coping mechanism for a crazy world," she said. "I also learned later that writing a poetry book was a great release for bitterness."

The majority of Blackman's work is carried out worldwide, as she has traveled to Europe and Africa promoting hip-hop and spoken

word performance. In the US, however, she spends time in schools and workshops teaching children, especially girls living in at-risk areas, the importance of hip-hop in their lives as a means of discovering self-love.

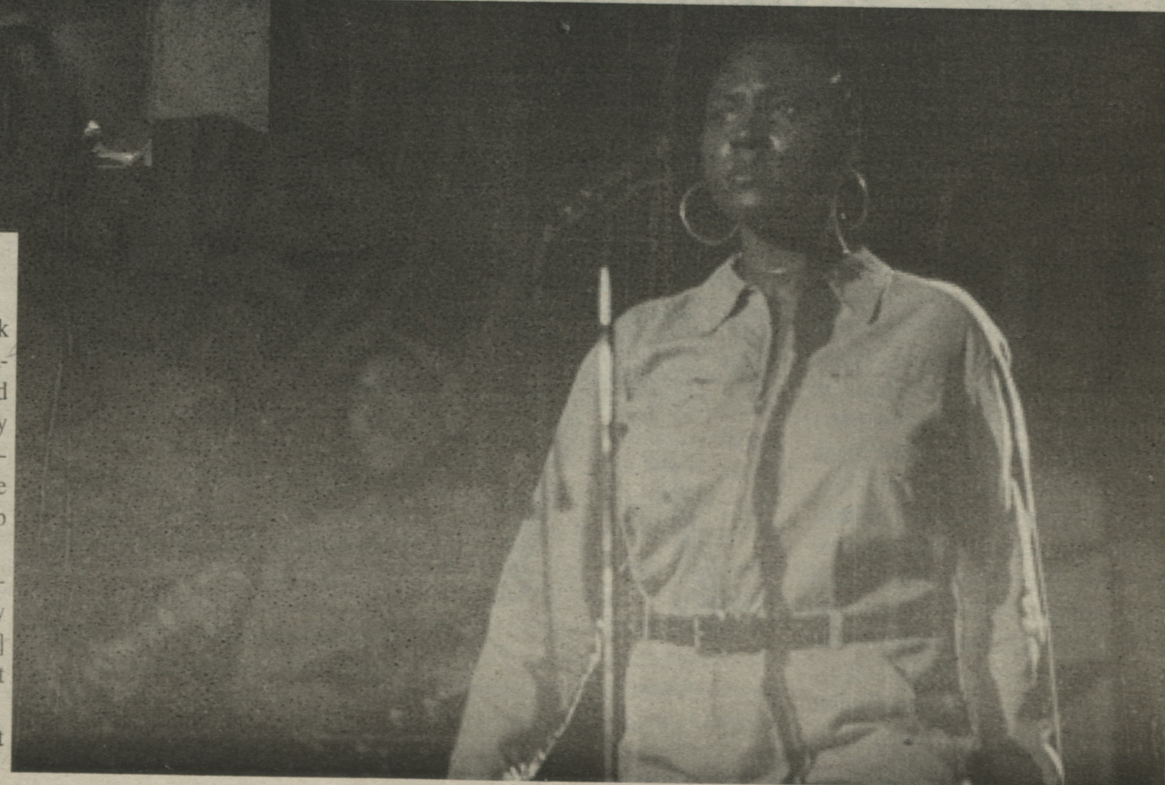
"I do a lot of workshops with young girls," Blackman said, "because I see so many women battling against what Hollywood says is beautiful."

Her biggest motivations, she says, are knowing where she came from and what her lessons were, combined with the affect her work has on children.

"Remembering what I went through and what a difference art made for me, giving me confidence, teaching me critical thinking, is what inspired me to do the work I'm doing now," she said.

"The most important part of that is inspiring those coming after me and teaching them to do what fulfills them most. Letting them know that they don't have to get a 9 to 5 [job], that there are limitless things they can do, is important. I think that if people were more fulfilled in their lives, the world would be a much more peaceful place."

Sponsored by The Truth and Multiethnic Student Services, Blackman's performance was part of the eighth bi-annual Lyricist Lounge Show. The show also included opening acts by Truth members such as Haymon, who gave an impromptu dance exhibition, along with Mason, Salima Mercer and Isaac Johnson (Speaker of the House for The Truth) who sang and rapped.



Photos By Wendy Finley

check, it was wonderful. I couldn't wait to actually hear her perform here."

She performed various pieces including: "Spell #1," "The Pain," "Hollywood Dreams," "Hip Hop is Not Music," and "I Hate Valentine's Day," which was the original title for her book, *Inner-Course: A Plea for Real Love*. Topics varied from love to false images of beauty to the blues and hip-hop music.

"Her lyrics were really wise," said Oladiya Morrison, an audience member. "She had a lot of good

sharing information."

Blackman makes her life's work out of giving and sharing information. She not only raises issues and delivers messages via her poetry but also in relating her own life experiences and learned truths. She condemns the mainstream hip-hop culture, calling it commercial.

"Hip-hop is not music," she asserts. "It is people making money off of hip-hop culture. [Hip-hop] is about tagging your heart, not tagging walls."

Blackman first discovered what

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Men's Soccer Defeats York for the Three-peat

By Aaron Boker
Staff Writer

In what is a typical pre-game ritual to get everyone pumped up, the Salisbury men's soccer players swarmed into a circle at the end of the game and chanted "O, Ah" to summarize another successful Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) tournament.

The No. 1-seeded Sea Gulls (18-0-2) defeated No. 2 York (16-5) 1-0 on Saturday to clinch their third straight CAC title, and fifth in six years to clinch an automatic berth in this week's NCAA

tournament.

"We [the team] have no idea how awarding it is to win a conference championship," said Coach Gerry DiBartolo. "To me it never gets old. It's a great, great recognition."

The Sea Gulls scored the game's lone goal with 14:19 left in the first half when junior forward Bill Whittington got a breakaway down the field and shot the ball past Spartans' goalie Michael Cook for the lead.

Salisbury struggled to put York away in the second half. The Sea Gulls had the ball in



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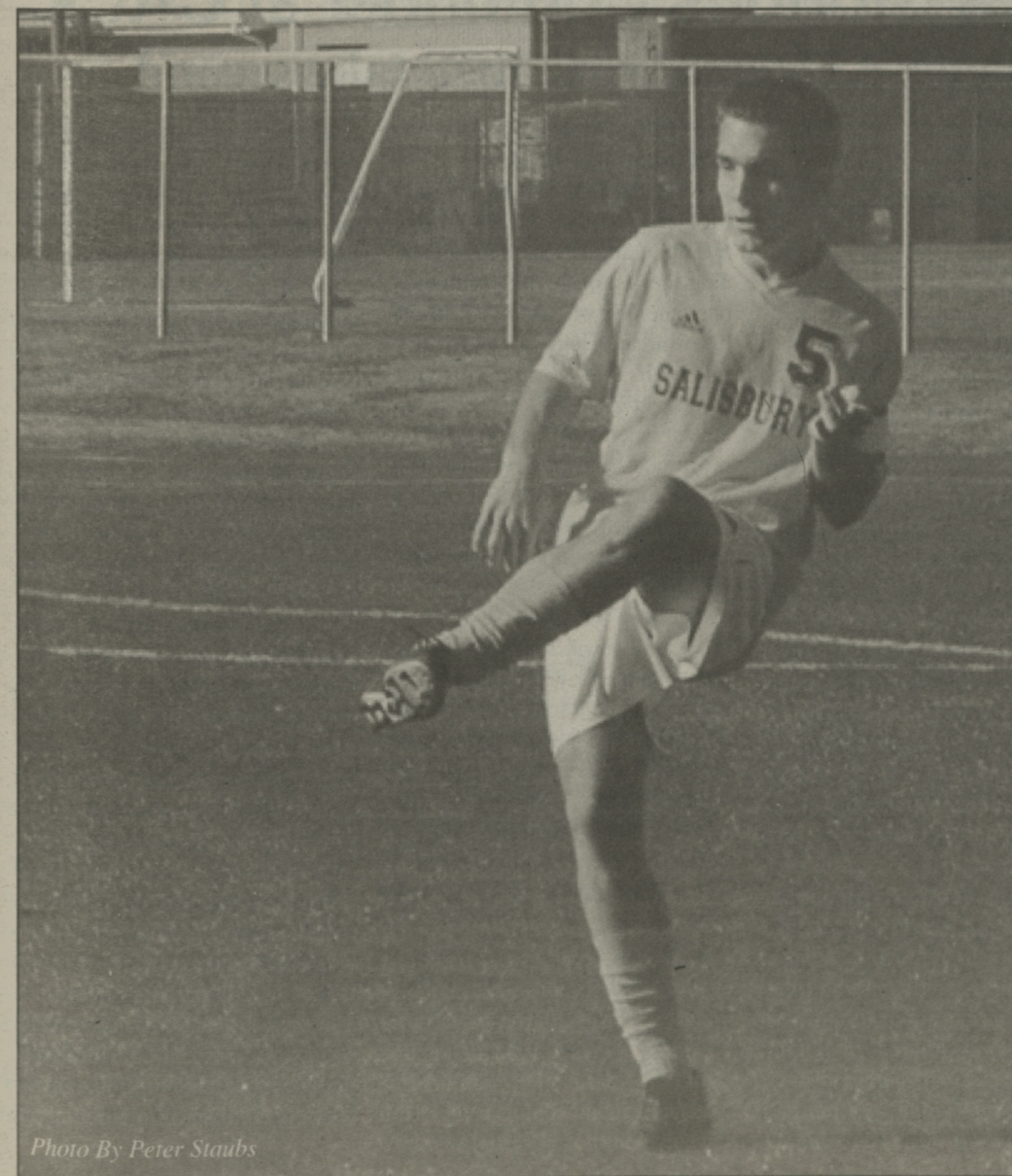


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the Spartans' territory that resulted in many scoring opportunities. The only problem was the Sea Gulls couldn't get the ball in as shots went wide over the net or just denied by Cook.

The Spartans got one last chance to tie the game and potentially force overtime when they got the ball deep into Sea Gulls' territory. York got off what look like a shot that could do it, but Salisbury goalie Jason Cranford deprived them of that and sealed the victory and the conference title.

"I just got my hands to it and covered it up," said Cranford. "I didn't do much all day and it was great to contribute. I'm glad I did my part."

Despite the score only being 1-0, it was a dominating victory for Sea Gulls as they controlled ball possession for most of the game, which converted into 23 shots on goal for Salisbury compared to the eight for York.

"I thought we played solid defense and it was rewarding to get a shutout victory," said DiBartolo. "Their backs were flat and we had space behind them and we tried to find that

spacing as often as we can."

Saturday's final was not the only dominating performance the Sea Gulls had in the CAC tournament. Salisbury posted three shutouts (Gallaudet 9-0 and Mary Washington 4-0), and out-shot all three schools 91-16. The Sea Gulls scoring attack was led by Whittington's five tournament goals.

"We've been putting it together lately, converting a lot of passes. The midfield has been playing great," said Whittington.

A stellar showing for Salisbury in the CAC tournament not only gives them an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament but also helps their seeding and their chances of getting home field for the majority of the tournament. The Sea Gulls look to carry their recent success into the big dance in what will be the last opportunity for a couple of players to bring home the title.

"All of the seniors and myself have had four years to prepare for this," said senior captain Dan Lader. "I think if we continue what we've been doing all season, we should be successful."

Sea Gull Field Hockey takes tenth consecutive CAC Championship

By Matt Petersen
Staff Writer

Salisbury Field Hockey exploded with five goals in the second half of Saturday's CAC championship game against Mary Washington College to win its 10th straight conference crown 6-0. The game was held in Salisbury, and pitted the No. 1 Gulls against the No. 3 Eagles of Mary Washington.

The Sea Gulls (18-0) were quick to strike. Erin Budd scored at 28:12 on an assist from Danielle Twilly. However, neither the Gulls nor the Eagles could manage another goal for the rest of the half. It was a back and forth defensive battle that ended with a Salisbury lead of 1-0 at half time.

The Gulls were well aware of the significance of the game. There was not only a conference title on the line, but also a 28 game winning streak and nine-year streak of CAC championships were at stake. The team was also looking to keep their undefeated season in tact. The Gulls

came out in the second half determined to crush Mary Washington and claim a championship.

Megan Powell started things off in the second half with a goal at 32:33 off an assist by Budd. Melissa Webster, a senior All-American, scored at 19:11 on an assist from Kim McLeod, and at 16:55 Brittany Elliot scored on a pass from Powell. The Gulls were up 4-0 with 16 minutes to play, but the scoring did not stop. At 16:18 Powell scored another goal, and with two minutes left Elliot scored the sixth and final goal.

The Sea Gulls ran the rest of the clock out, and as a desperate Mary Washington shot rolled wide of the Salisbury goal the horn sounded. The Salisbury Sea Gulls had obliterated the Eagles and extended their streak of conference championships to 10, and their winning streak to 29. The Gulls will enter the NCAA tournament as an obvious No. 1 seed.



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Student-Athlete Spotlight: Natalie Day

By Matt Petersen
Staff Writer

It is 7 a.m. on a Saturday morning, and while most students on campus are at rest lying in their beds, Natalie Day is waiting outside of Maggs Gym to board the a bus that will take her and the Women's Soccer team to the school of its next opponent.

"I like my own quiet time before a game," says the sophomore midfielder from Beltsville, Md. "I can focus on what I want to do. I can visualize myself doing well."

Day is a communications major at Salisbury and is also minoring in exercise science. She became a Sea Gull because she felt she could fit in with the soccer program well and make an immediate impact.

It is apparent that Day has made that impact. She is tied for the lead in goals and points for a Sea Gull team that, as of Saturday morning, is headed for the CAC finals

against Mary Washington.

Day says the hardest thing about this season and all of its trips are the missed classes. "This season there have been a lot of away games," says Day. "It's hard school wise, you miss a lot of classes, but it is worth it."

Day says that all season the team was looking to be able to score consistently. Defense has not been a problem for the Sea Gulls; the team has held opponents to only .71 goals a game this season. "But offensively the Gulls were not so quick to gel, scoring only four goals in the first six games. The seventh game against Gallaudet quickly changed this trend though. With Day scoring two goals, the Gulls defeated Gallaudet 11-0."

"We were looking to score," says Day. "It was a little slow at the beginning, but we found it, though. The team is on fire right now. We are practicing hard, and



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bonding on and off the field. There is no real first or second team; we are all just teammates."

"I just try to keep the intensity and do my job," says Day, and she has done that well. Day has helped the Gulls in a very successful season. With a record of 10-6-2 the team is playing in the CAC finals on Saturday Nov. 6, and looking for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

SU a Glorious Contender at CACs: Women's XC team wins, men take second

By Noah Wood
Staff Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams ran very well at the Capital Athletic Conference Championships in Fredericksburg, VA on Saturday, with the women coming in first and the men second.

The Sea Gulls' top rival was Mary Washington, who hosted the meet at the Indian Acres Campground near the MWU campus. The women's team worked very hard to champion the field of five other teams as well as the rugged and hilly 6-kilometer course. They ran against Marymount (6th with 161 points), York (5th with 129 points), Goucher (4th with 100 points), Catholic (3rd with 81 points), and Mary Washington was runner-up with 36 points. The SU women outperformed their competitors and won by a 33 point margin.

Also, the women had four from their rank earn All-CAC honors by finishing in the top fifteen. Freshman Laura Ulmer was second with a time of 24:30, mere milliseconds behind Cristina Falcone, the first place finisher from Mary Washington. Ulmer was followed by fresh-

man Casey McNerny, finishing third with a time of 24:46.

After the first half of the race, McNerny's shoe got caught in a mud pile and she wound up running the rest of the race with only one shoe. She was followed closely by teammates, junior Lauren Bragg (4th with 24:48), and freshman Zuzka O'Zwoldlikes (8th with 25:02). The women's personal improvements and victory at the most important meet of the season is a testimony to how strongly the women have come along from over the last several years.

The men's team persevered all the way through the hilly 8-kilometer race and was runner-up to Mary Washington University with 32 points. The other teams in their competition were Marymount (6th with 163 points), Goucher (5th with 154 points), Catholic (4th with 102 points), York (3rd with 89 points), Mary Washington narrowly won with 28 points.

However, the men had a really strong showing with their top seven earning All-CAC recognition. Among them were junior Scott Koehler (4th with 27:40), freshman Buck Stokes (5th with 27:40), junior Will Murdoch (6th

with 27:43), sophomore Daryl Lee (7th with 27:43), senior Will Detwiler (10th with 28:03), freshman Eric Graves (11th with 28:14), and sophomore Matt Vetter was 12th with 28:18. There was a lot of mud on the rough course, slowing things down a bit, but the Sea Gulls proved to be fierce competitors despite the sloppy conditions.

Head coach Jim Jones was happy for the most part about the meet, but he acknowledged that there was room for improvement. "I'm disappointed in the men, I think we had the team to win," said Jones. "But I'm really pleased and excited for all the women and what they accomplished. The women showed that when you work together as a team and put your individual goals aside and focus, you can accomplish this ultimate goal of winning the CAC Championship."

Next Saturday, the top Sea Gull's from the men's and women's teams will compete at the NCAA Mid-east Regional Championship in Meadville, PA. There will be tough competition at the Regional Championship, but the Sea Gulls will no doubt be ready to do battle.

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Red Carpet Special: NFL Mid-season Awards

By Jeff Mizia
Staff Writer

Although there are still many games to be played, it's time to bring out the red carpet for the mid-season awards of the 2004 NFL season.

Head coach: Although there have been many surprises thus far, there is no bigger surprise than the New York "Football" Giants and a large part of that is because of disciplinary head coach Tom Coughlin. Coughlin has amassed a 5-2 record thus far with virtually the same team from last year, which had only four wins. While Herman Edwards and Bill Cowher are doing great jobs, everyone, even their own fans expected a disastrous season from the G-Men.

Rookie of the Mid-Year: This one is a no brainer. Who would've thought that a rookie quarterback could be leading a team that finally dethroned the Patriots and on that road grab the best record in the AFC? "Big Ben" Roethlisberger has helped lead the Steelers to a 6-1 start with his 104.7 QB rating and nine TD passes. Looks like the Steelers have finally found the next Terry Bradshaw.

MVP: This has been a close race so far and could lead to another co-MVP season. Quarterbacks Donovan McNabb, Peyton Manning, Daunte Culpepper, and even Drew Brees (check the stats) have all been the best at their position. Meanwhile wide receiver Terrell Owens and running back Priest Holmes are dominating their positions. After much debate, the first co-MVP thus far has been Manning, because of his 22 TDs and four INTs. That and the fact that without him the Colts would be a .500 team or worse. Owens is the second co-MVP as he has greatly improved and Eagles offense with nine TDs (second among all NFL players) and is a huge reason for the team's franchise high 7-0 start.

Comeback Player of the Mid-Year: Although Emmitt Smith is having a great comeback year and

is on pace for a surprising 1,000 yard season, it's because of the 2-5 team that he's playing for that he doesn't receive this award. This one goes to Brees of the San Diego "Super" Chargers. In June when the team was debating between Eli Manning and Phillip Rivers, and after a season where he had to give way to Doug Flutie, he was basically a lock to be off the team next year. Now he's putting up Pro Bowl numbers as he is tied for fourth in the league with 14 TDs and only three INTs to make for a 106.8 QB rating. Rivers might be riding pine for a long time now.

Best Teams: The E-A-G-L-E-S are clearly the best team since they have the only undefeated record in the league. Their offense has scored the fourth most points in the league and their defense have given up the second fewest. The next best team has to be the Steelers after they crushed the formerly undefeated Patriots. They look great on both offense and defense. After the Steelers it has to be the Patriots, Vikings and even the Jets, who have surprised many in the AFC race.

Other Surprises: The Falcons have played very good at times and as long as Mike Vick stays healthy, they will make a push in the playoffs. Detroit is making a push as well, but can they overcome teams like the Packers who are beginning to improve? In the AFC, are the Jaguars and Texans really above the Colts and Titans?!?! Yes they are, and that's in large part to great play from quarterbacks Byron Leftwich and David Carr, respectively. Curtis Martin has surprised many as he's third in the league in rushing. Duce Staley has been the reason for the fast start in Pittsburgh, and Javon Walker has moved into the discussion of top tier receivers with his seven TDs.

Best TD Celebration: Well for non-Ravens fans it's clearly Terrell Owens' Ray Lewis dance impersonation. Otherwise many give it to T.O.'s sit-ups celebration.

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Volleyball acquires CAC title

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

Salisbury's march for the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) title ended Saturday with a 3-0 victory over Catholic. The title is the school's first since 2000.

The Gulls played No. 4 Gallaudet on Thursday in the conference semi-final game. Gallaudet was the only conference team that was able to pull out a win over the Gulls during the regular season, winning 3-0 (33-31, 30-24, 30-25) back on Sep. 14. The Bisons were also the team that bounced the Gulls from the conference playoffs last year, beating them 3-2 in the semi-final round. However, Thursday night the outcome would be different.

The No. 1 Gulls came out fired up and ready to play. The Gulls held the lead throughout the entire first two games, winning rather easily 30-22 and 30-26. The third game saw the Bison's make a late run. Down 25-20 they rallied to make it 25-24. The Gulls, however, were just too strong and

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closed out at the match.

"I was very pleased, with our teams execution of our game plan. Everybody played extremely

well," Coach Margie Knight said.

The Gulls came into Saturday riding on a 12 game win streak, looking for their third conference



title. They faced No. 2 Catholic, whom the Gulls played just 10 days before handing Catholic a 3-0 loss (30-25, 30-23, 30-27). This

match, though, was for an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Volleyball Tournament.

The Gulls were able to match their effort from Thursday and pull off the 3-0 victory (30-23, 30-21, 30-24), winning all three games handily and improving the team record to 25-11 to end the regular season. Big games were had by multiple players including, junior Brittany Mister who scored 14 kills and 12 digs, sophomore Abbey Petrecca with a team-high 18 digs and senior Kim Rementer with 16 digs. Freshman Lynn Cipollone also came up big with 12 digs and 11 kills.

"We have come a long way since the beginning of the season," Knight said. "We started out 1-5 and now we have improved to 25-11."

"I'm just looking forward to the NCAAs," Knight said. The field will be announced on Sunday evening at www.ncaa.org. The competition for the crown of national champion will begin on Nov. 11.

Sea Gull Sports Beat

By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

FOOTBALL

The No. 5 Salisbury football team notched another victory Saturday, crushing Shenandoah 42-7 in Winchester, Va.

The Gulls (9-0) jumped out to an early lead on the first of three Leroy Satchell rushing touchdowns. After Shenandoah (6-3) tied the game at seven, the Gulls opened the floodgates, scoring 35 unanswered points to end the game.

Satchell finished with 141 yards on 26 rushes. Quarterback Dustin Johnson was only 5-15 for 65 yards, but did have a 10-yard TD pass to Teddy Savage. Johnson also ran for 79 yards on 10 carries. Chris

Newton had a team-high 38 yards on two receptions. Adam Dickerson and Travis Peters also added TD runs.

The defense, led by Charles Fleming, Chris Barr and Sean Sandora (eight tackles a piece), held the Shenandoah offense to just 258 total yards. The Gulls amassed 445 yards of total offense.

Salisbury concludes its regular season next Saturday with the Regents Cup against

Frostburg State at Towson at 2 p.m. Make the trip and support your Gulls as they look to finish off a perfect regular season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team fell just short Saturday of winning the CAC title, losing to Mary Washington. Regulation and overtime play ended with the game tied at zero, forcing a shootout. Mary Washington was able to net three shots to Salisbury's one, and took the championship with them. Goalie Kate Hendrickson had seven saves in the game, but could not stop Mary Washington in the end.

Salisbury (10-6-4), though, had a fantastic run at the crown during the past week, upending St. Mary's 1-0 on

Sunday, and York 3-2 in another shootout on Tuesday.

Haley Cramer scored the Gulls lone goal against St. Mary's, with Hendrickson adding seven saves. York and Salisbury were tied 0-0 going into the shootout where Candice Hill, Sharyn MacEwen and Jessica Reed each boomed a shot into the York goal to give Salisbury the

upset victory. Hendrickson had six saves, as well.

Salisbury's season is complete, and although they did not finish the way they would have liked, the girls did have an extremely successful season and represented Salisbury University superbly. Congratulations on a great season.

UPCOMING SALISBURY GAMES

-Football vs. Frostburg State at Towson on Saturday at 2 p.m.
-Swimming vs. Washington in Maggs on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and vs. Frostburg State on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

-NCAA Tournament play for the rest of Salisbury's fall athletic teams have not been announced yet. Check the school's website this week for more information.

